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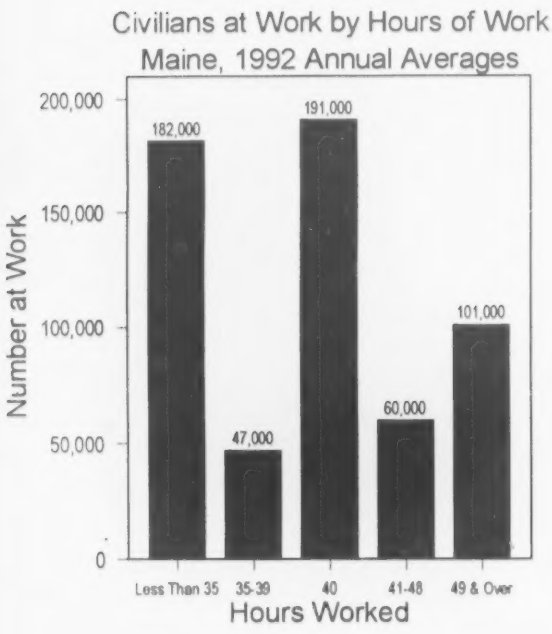
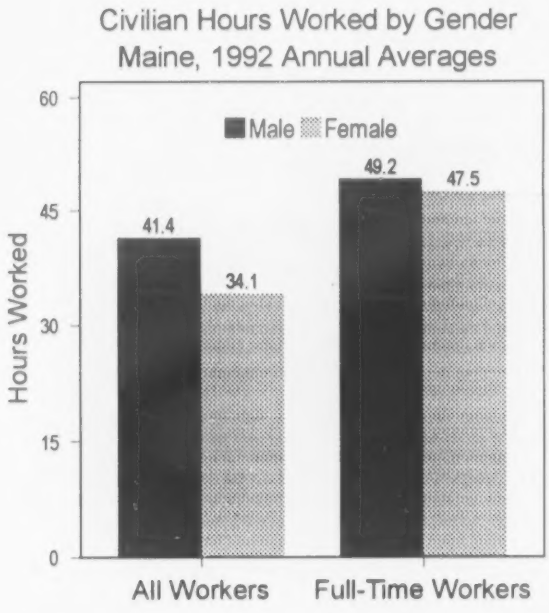
Maine Average Hours of Work for 1992

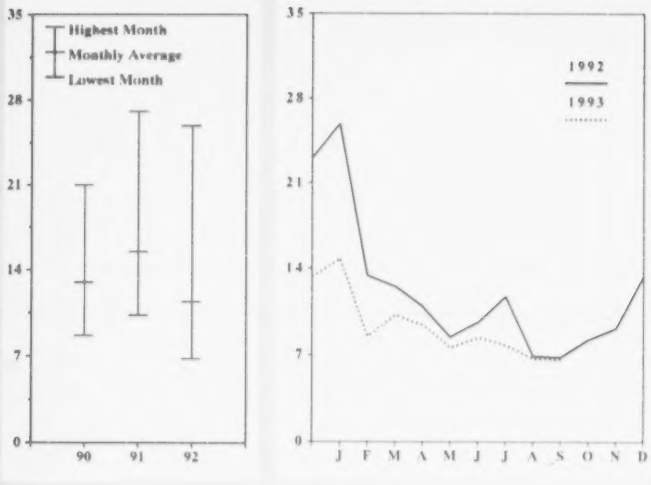


Over 27 percent of the civilians at work in Maine averaged more than 40 hours of work per week during 1992. Of those working less than 35 hours a week, over 80 percent averaged between 15 and 34 hours of work. For persons working in more than one job, hours worked in all jobs are credited to hours of work for the survey week.



All Maine workers averaged 38 hours of work per week during 1992. Workers on full-time schedules averaged 48.6 hours per week. Females averaged fewer hours worked per week than males for all workers and for workers on full-time schedules. Individuals working 35 hours or more per week are considered to be on full-time schedules.

UI Initial Claims
In Thousands



UI Intrastate Weeks Claimed
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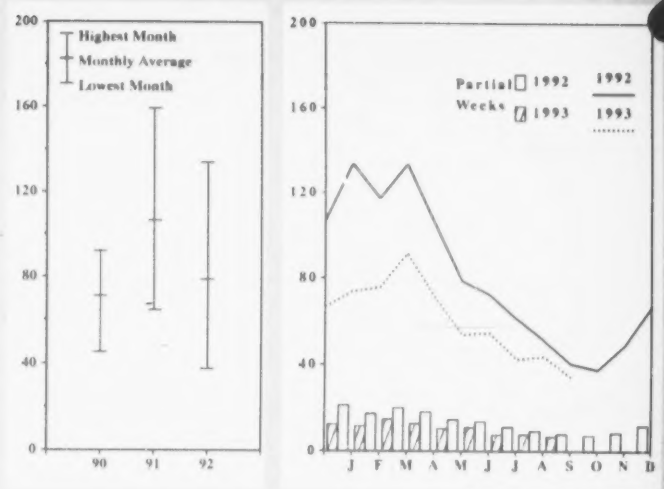


Work Experience of the U.S. Population in 1992

The total number of persons who were unemployed at some point during 1992 was about the same as in 1991, and the number of persons with some employment during the year increased by half a million.

According to data released by the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics, 21.4 million persons experienced some unemployment in 1992, although most of them held jobs at some time during the year. In total, 133.1 million persons held jobs during at least part of the year, and 80.7 million of them were in full-time, year-round jobs, 1.1 million more than in 1991.

Persons with Employment

The total of 133.1 million persons who worked at some time during 1992 was about 500,000 higher than the number for 1991. Year-round, full-time employment increased by much more—1.1 million. (Year-round, full-time work refers to employment of 50-to-52 weeks at 35 hours or more during most weeks.) The proportion of workers who were employed full-time year-round increased 0.7 percentage points in 1992 to 60.7 percent.

Amoung men, a total of 71.2 million worked all or part of 1992, 77.2 percent of the male population. Two-thirds of the men with employment worked year round, full time. Since 1989, the proportion of employed men who work full-time, year-round has fallen by over 2 percentage points, largely due to increases in the proportion experiencing some unemployment.

A total of 61.9 million women worked during 1992, about the same number as a year earlier. Nevertheless, employed women continued to intensify their job-market role, as the number working year round on full-time schedules increased by over 700,000 to 33.2 million, representing over half of all working women.

Persons with Unemployment

The total number of persons unemployed for at least one week was 21.4 million in 1992, little different from the previous year. The proportion of the labor force experiencing some unemployment was 15.8 percent, also about unchanged from 1991. Between 1989 and 1991, the total number of persons experiencing unemployment during the year had risen by 4 million, with the proportion of workers encountering unemployment rising nearly 3 percentage points.

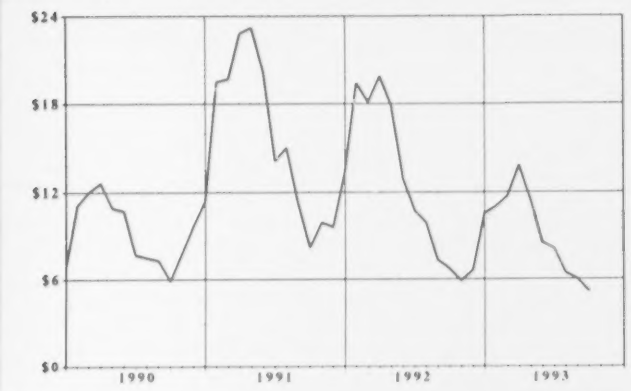
Nearly 9 out of 10 persons with some unemployment during the year reported that they also worked. The median number of weeks of unemployment for these workers increased slightly to 14.2 weeks; since 1989, the median has increased by nearly 3 weeks, reflecting a substantial increase in the number of persons jobless for 6 months or more.

Selected Employment Security Activities

Unemployment Insurance Benefit Payments

In Millions

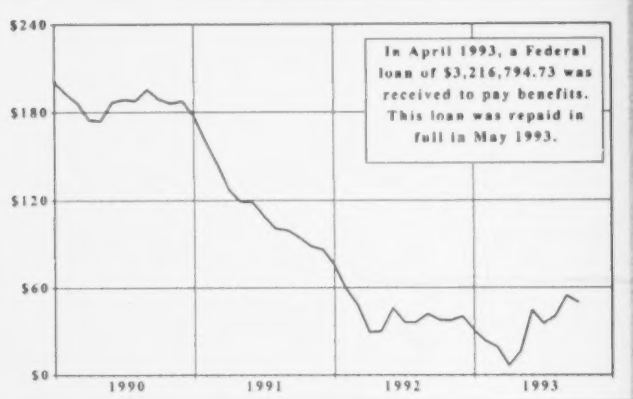
(Total Includes Maine's Portion of Extended Benefits)



Unemployment Compensation Fund Balance

In Millions

(End of Month)



Earnings and Workweek of Production Workers in Manufacturing Industries

AREA AND INDUSTRY	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS This Month	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS Last Month	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS Year Ago	AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS This Month	AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS Last Month	AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS Year Ago	AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS This Month	AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS Last Month	AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS Year Ago	ANNUAL AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS 1990	ANNUAL AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS 1991	ANNUAL AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS 1992
STATEWIDE												
Manufacturing	$484.38	$473.80	$468.00	41.4	41.2	40.0	$11.70	$11.50	$11.70	$10.58	$11.08	$11.38
Durable Goods	475.17	471.74	448.00	41.5	41.2	40.0	11.45	11.45	11.20	10.20	10.61	11.14
Lumber and Wood Products	387.32	381.82	363.78	40.9	41.1	39.2	9.47	9.29	9.28	9.10	8.97	9.25
Primary and Fabricated Metals	520.30	506.16	457.52	45.6	45.6	43.0	11.41	11.10	10.64	9.98	10.18	10.45
Industrial Machinery and Equipment	588.67	573.40	536.29	43.8	42.6	41.8	13.44	13.46	12.83	11.63	12.43	12.82
Electronic and Other Electric Equipment	432.90	423.94	391.64	42.4	41.0	39.4	10.21	10.34	9.94	9.69	9.91	10.02
Transportation Equipment	583.20	589.73	566.58	40.0	40.2	39.9	14.58	14.67	14.20	11.68	12.55	14.09
Other Durable Goods	360.12	369.84	358.09	40.6	40.2	40.1	8.87	9.20	8.93	8.11	8.57	8.86
Nondurable Goods	491.88	475.45	484.00	41.3	41.2	40.0	11.91	11.54	12.10	10.93	11.48	11.57
Food and Kindred Products	340.94	351.08	324.34	35.7	40.4	34.8	9.55	8.69	9.32	8.56	8.76	9.15
Textile Mill Products	409.08	407.26	352.61	41.7	42.6	37.0	9.81	9.56	9.53	8.82	8.82	9.03
Apparel and Other Textile Products	296.48	292.55	294.90	37.2	37.7	38.2	7.97	7.76	7.72	7.38	7.28	7.65
Paper and Allied Products	765.78	730.60	772.92	44.6	42.8	45.6	17.17	17.07	16.95	15.16	16.06	16.25
Leather and Leather Products	322.73	324.38	286.56	40.8	40.7	36.0	7.91	7.97	7.96	7.44	7.82	7.92
Other Nondurable Goods	422.09	401.20	416.07	41.3	40.0	40.2	10.22	10.03	10.35	9.62	9.85	10.07
PORTLAND MSA												
Manufacturing	423.20	415.01	404.70	40.0	39.6	38.0	10.58	10.48	10.65	10.63	10.45	10.55
LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA												
Manufacturing	429.27	401.17	350.06	44.3	41.4	39.2	9.69	9.69	8.93	9.26	9.33	9.53

Female Labor Force in Maine

in Thousands

ITEM[1/]	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Labor Force	317.2	324.5	312.9
Unemployment	17.2	18.8	14.6
(Percent)	5.4%	5.8%	4.7%
Resident Employed	300.0	305.7	298.3

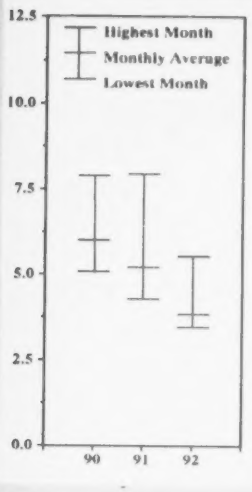
1/ Current figures preliminary; last month and year ago figures revised.
Source: Female labor force estimates are developed by, and solely the responsibility of, the Maine Division of Economic Analysis and Research.

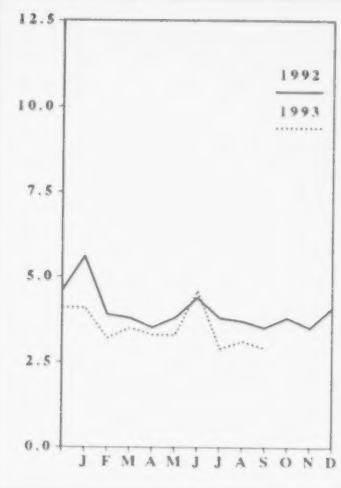
U.S. Consumer Price Index

BASE PERIOD (1982-1984 = 100) All Items (CPI-U)	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	Last Dec.
	145.1	144.8	141.3	141.9

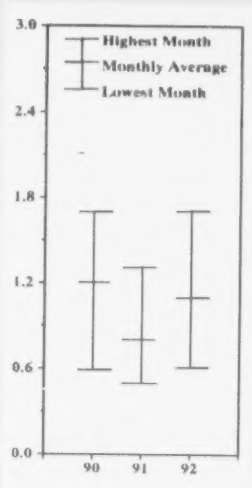
Percent Change for Past Month	+0.2%
Percent Change from Last December	+2.3%
Percent Change from 12 Months Ago	+2.7%

New Applications For Work
in Thousands





Nonfarm Placements
in Thousands
(Excludes Placements of Less than Three Days Duration)



Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment by Place of Work (in Thousands)

ITEM	STATEWIDE THIS MONTH	STATEWIDE LAST MONTH	STATEWIDE YEAR AGO	PORTLAND MSA THIS MONTH	PORTLAND MSA LAST MONTH	PORTLAND MSA YEAR AGO	LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA THIS MONTH	LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA LAST MONTH	LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA YEAR AGO
Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment 1/	526.3	521.1	528.0	125.1	124.1	121.8	38.5	37.5	37.5
Goods Producing	117.1	118.4	117.6	19.3	18.8	18.5	9.9	9.9	9.8
Construction and Mining	24.3	24.4	24.1	5.9	5.8	5.5	1.6	1.6	1.7
Building Construction	5.6	5.6	5.8	1.2	1.2	1.2	n/a	n/a	n/a
Special Trade Contractors	13.7	13.8	13.5	4.0	3.9	3.8	n/a	n/a	n/a
Manufacturing	92.8	94.0	93.5	13.4	13.0	13.0	8.3	8.3	8.1
Durable Goods	40.8	40.7	42.3	5.9	5.5	5.7	2.3	2.3	2.3
Lumber and Wood Products	11.0	11.0	11.3	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Primary and Fabricated Metals	3.2	3.2	3.3	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Industrial Machinery and Equipment	3.8	3.7	3.7	1.0	1.0	1.1	n/a	n/a	n/a
Electronic and other Elect. Equip.	6.6	6.6	6.9	2.0	2.0	2.4	n/a	n/a	n/a
Transportation Equipment	11.9	12.1	13.0	(d)	(d)	(d)	n/a	n/a	n/a
Other Durable Goods 2/	4.3	4.1	4.1	2.9	2.5	2.2	n/a	n/a	n/a
Nondurable Goods	52.0	53.3	51.2	7.5	7.5	7.3	6.0	6.0	5.8
Food and Kindred Products	6.8	7.9	7.0	2.0	2.0	1.9	n/a	n/a	n/a
Textile Mill Products	5.5	5.5	4.8	(d)	(d)	(d)	n/a	n/a	n/a
Apparel and Other Textile Products	3.2	3.2	2.9	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Paper and Allied Products	16.2	16.3	16.5	(d)	(d)	(d)	n/a	n/a	n/a
Printing and Publishing	5.3	5.2	5.2	1.5	1.5	1.5	n/a	n/a	n/a
Rubber and Misc. Plastic Products	3.0	3.1	2.8	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Leather and Leather Products	10.4	10.4	10.4	1.3	1.3	1.1	1.7	1.6	1.9
Footwear (except Rubber)	8.5	8.5	8.7	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Other Nondurable Goods 3/	1.6	1.7	1.6	2.7	2.7	2.8	4.3	4.4	3.9
Service Producing	409.2	402.7	410.4	105.8	105.3	103.3	28.6	27.6	27.7
Transportation and Public Utilities	21.2	21.4	22.1	5.6	5.7	5.8	1.3	1.3	1.3
Wholesale Trade	22.5	22.5	23.4	8.4	8.4	8.5	2.0	2.0	1.9
Retail Trade	111.0	113.2	110.2	30.3	30.3	28.0	8.1	8.1	7.9
General Merchandise Stores	11.7	11.4	10.2	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Food Stores	19.7	19.3	20.0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Eating and Drinking Places	36.7	39.5	36.4	8.3	8.7	7.8	n/a	n/a	n/a
Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate	24.5	24.8	25.0	11.7	11.7	11.9	2.0	1.9	1.9
Banking	8.9	9.0	9.0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Insurance Carriers, Brokers and Agents	10.6	10.6	11.3	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Services	136.8	138.3	134.4	34.3	34.7	33.1	11.1	10.6	10.3
Hotels and Other Lodging Places	12.2	14.4	12.2	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Business Services	13.7	13.6	14.6	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Health Services	48.9	49.1	47.9	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Federal Government	15.3	15.5	17.0	2.1	2.1	2.0	0.3	0.3	0.3
State Government	26.5	24.4	27.0	4.3	3.8	4.4	0.6	0.6	0.7
Local Government	51.4	42.6	51.3	9.1	8.6	9.6	3.2	2.8	3.4
Involved in Labor-Management Disputes	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

1/ Employment figures relate to full- and part-time wage and salary workers in pay periods including the 12th of the month. Domestic workers in private households, proprietors, self-employed, and unpaid family workers are excluded. 2/ Includes Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) codes: Statewide - 25, 32, 38, 39; Portland - 24, 25, 32, 33, 34, 37, 38, 39. 3/ Includes SIC codes: Statewide - 28, 29; Portland - 20, 22, 23, 26, 30; Lewiston - 20, 22, 23, 26, 27. 4/ Regular teachers are included in summer months whether or not specifically paid in those months. n/a - data not available in sufficient detail for publication. * Less than 50. (d) Nondisclosure item. Source: Nonfarm wage and salary employment by place of work and earnings, and workweek of production workers in manufacturing industries are developed by the Maine Division of Economic Analysis and Research in cooperation with the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Labor Force, Employment and Unemployment

AREA 1/	LABOR FORCE 2/ This Month	LABOR FORCE 2/ Last Month	LABOR FORCE 2/ Year Ago	RESIDENT EMPLOYED This Month	RESIDENT EMPLOYED Last Month	RESIDENT EMPLOYED Year Ago	UNEMPLOYMENT Number This Month	UNEMPLOYMENT Number Last Month	UNEMPLOYMENT Number Year Ago	UNEMPLOYMENT Percent of Labor Force This Month	UNEMPLOYMENT Percent of Labor Force Last Month	UNEMPLOYMENT Percent of Labor Force Year Ago
MAINE-STATEWIDE(000)	655.7	667.8	665.4	610.9	626.8	624.4	44.8	41.0	41.0	6.8	6.1	6.2
MAJOR LABOR MARKET												
Bangor MSA	47,700	47,900	47,100	45,000	45,500	44,800	2,700	2,400	2,300	5.7	5.0	4.8
Lewiston-Auburn MSA	43,800	43,400	43,600	39,900	39,800	39,900	3,900	3,600	3,700	9.0	8.3	8.6
Portland MSA	136,000	137,300	134,700	129,100	131,100	128,400	6,800	6,200	6,200	5.0	4.5	4.6
Portsmouth-Dover-Rochester MSA	n/a	n/a	139,100	n/a	n/a	131,900	n/a	n/a	7,200	n/a	n/a	5.2
OTHER LABOR MARKETS												
Augusta	36,390	36,930	37,910	34,130	34,950	35,760	2,260	1,980	2,150	6.2	5.4	5.7
Bath-Brunswick	30,560	32,040	33,280	29,050	30,570	31,950	1,510	1,470	1,340	4.9	4.6	4.0
Belfast	11,530	13,180	13,280	10,130	11,930	12,040	1,400	1,250	1,240	12.1	9.5	9.3
Biddeford	28,340	29,140	29,380	26,320	27,360	27,330	2,020	1,780	2,050	7.1	6.1	7.0
Boothbay Harbor-Wiscasset	18,320	19,650	17,930	17,640	18,980	17,350	680	670	570	3.7	3.4	3.2
Calais-Eastport	16,370	17,750	16,290	14,340	16,050	14,750	2,030	1,700	1,540	12.4	9.6	9.4
Caribou-Presque Isle	23,890	22,310	25,440	21,210	19,860	23,150	2,680	2,450	2,290	11.2	11.0	9.0
Central Penobscot	3,480	3,530	3,430	3,130	3,220	3,180	350	310	260	10.1	8.8	7.5
Dover-Foxcroft	7,310	7,320	7,460	6,670	6,680	6,880	630	640	580	8.7	8.7	7.7
Ellsworth	29,050	33,190	29,560	27,440	31,870	28,160	1,610	1,320	1,400	5.5	4.0	4.7
Farmington	14,140	13,800	14,570	13,060	12,820	13,480	1,080	980	1,090	7.6	7.1	7.5
Fort Kent-Allagash	6,450	6,030	6,930	5,880	5,490	6,300	580	540	640	8.9	9.0	9.2
Greenville	1,340	1,440	1,430	1,270	1,360	1,330	70	80	90	5.4	5.2	6.5
Houlton	7,380	7,290	7,780	6,930	6,820	7,370	450	480	400	6.1	6.5	5.2
Kittery-York 3/	30,780	30,750	30,880	29,990	29,950	30,050	790	800	830	2.6	2.6	2.7
Lincoln-Howland	5,440	5,420	5,670	4,910	4,950	5,220	530	470	450	9.7	8.6	7.9
Livermore Falls	6,160	6,140	6,350	5,660	5,660	5,810	510	480	540	8.2	7.7	8.5
Madawaska-Van Buren	4,580	4,450	5,070	4,180	4,090	4,600	400	370	460	8.6	8.2	9.1
Millinocket-East Millinocket	4,270	4,320	4,360	3,870	3,990	3,990	410	340	370	9.5	7.8	8.5
Norway-Paris	13,290	13,660	13,050	12,070	12,520	11,930	1,220	1,140	1,120	9.2	8.3	8.6
Patten-Island Falls	2,980	2,880	3,150	2,700	2,610	2,910	280	260	250	9.4	9.1	7.9
Rockland	21,630	22,810	21,070	20,680	21,820	20,110	950	990	960	4.4	4.3	4.6
Rumford	9,320	9,180	9,550	8,500	8,420	8,760	810	760	800	8.7	8.3	8.4
Sanford	17,060	17,380	17,430	15,560	15,910	16,020	1,500	1,460	1,410	8.8	8.4	8.1
Sebago Lakes Region	13,120	14,420	13,880	12,310	13,650	13,160	810	770	720	6.2	5.3	5.2
Skowhegan	27,540	28,020	26,870	25,000	25,740	24,570	2,540	2,280	2,300	9.2	8.1	8.6
Southwest Penobscot	11,200	11,100	11,130	9,940	9,920	9,980	1,260	1,180	1,150	11.2	10.6	10.3
Waterville	26,220	25,140	26,930	24,300	23,270	25,140	1,920	1,880	1,790	7.3	7.5	6.6
OTHER NEW ENGLAND STATES (000)												
Connecticut	n/a	n/a	1,781.8	n/a	n/a	1,647.4	n/a	n/a	134.3	n/a	n/a	7.5
Massachusetts	3,142.0	3,184.0	3,083.0	2,921.0	2,976.0	2,824.0	222.0	209.0	259.0	7.1	6.6	8.4
New Hampshire	n/a	n/a	629.2	n/a	n/a	582.8	n/a	n/a	46.5	n/a	n/a	7.4
Rhode Island	n/a	n/a	528.0	n/a	n/a	482.7	n/a	n/a	45.3	n/a	n/a	8.6
Vermont	n/a	n/a	320.1	n/a	n/a	302.3	n/a	n/a	17.9	n/a	n/a	5.6
NEW ENGLAND STATES (000)	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
UNITED STATES (000)	127,858	129,472	127,044	119,730	121,002	117,953	8,128	8,470	9,090	6.4	6.5	7.2

Footnotes

1/ Labor force, employment, and unemployment data for all areas are by place of residence and are not seasonally adjusted. Estimates made independently for each labor market area have been benchmarked to and extrapolated from the Current Population Survey estimates for the state. All data exclude members of the Armed Forces. Data are rounded for publishing purposes. Employment and unemployment may not add to labor force due to rounding. MSA - Metropolitan Statistical Area. n/a indicates that the information was not available at the time of printing.

2/ Current estimates preliminary. Last month and year ago estimates revised.

3/ Kittery-York is the eight-town Maine portion of the Portsmouth-Dover-Rochester MSA which includes towns in both Maine and New Hampshire.

Source: These data are developed by the Maine Division of Economic Analysis and Research in cooperation with the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Mid-Month Insured Unemployment

ITEM	STATEWIDE This Month	STATEWIDE Last Month	STATEWIDE Year Ago	PORTLAND MSA This Month	PORTLAND MSA Last Month	PORTLAND MSA Year Ago	LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA This Month	LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA Last Month	LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA Year Ago
Number of continued-week claimants*	6,986	8,555	8,363	1,320	1,480	1,454	619	775	791

Continued-week claimants are less partials for week including the 12th of the month.

Civilian Labor Force and Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment in Maine

Seasonally Adjusted in Thousands

ITEM	1992				1993								
	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep
Civilian Labor Force 1/	64.2	660.6	663.7	659.9	662.0	654.0	657.4	652.1	652.6	652.6	647.1	654.8	654.9
Resident Employment	617.6	616.1	616.8	612.3	611.6	600.7	602.9	598.9	600.8	596.4	599.0	605.0	604.2
Unemployment	46.6	44.5	46.9	47.6	50.5	53.3	54.5	53.3	51.9	56.0	48.1	49.8	50.6
Percent of Labor Force	7.0	6.7	7.1	7.2	7.6	8.2	8.3	8.2	7.9	8.6	7.4	7.6	7.7
Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment 2/	515.1	514.9	515.6	513.9	519.1	519.6	517.0	514.4	511.9	507.3	507.2	509.7	513.4
Construction	21.1	21.3	21.4	21.9	23.5	23.4	23.1	22.7	21.8	21.3	21.7	21.0	21.3
Manufacturing, Durable Goods	41.6	41.1	41.0	41.0	41.4	41.4	40.9	40.8	40.9	40.2	40.1	40.1	40.1
Manufacturing, Nondurable Goods	50.3	50.5	51.0	50.2	51.5	51.2	50.9	51.5	51.1	51.1	51.0	51.5	51.1
Transportation and Public Utilities	21.6	21.4	21.3	21.2	21.7	21.3	21.6	21.4	20.9	20.8	20.5	20.8	20.7
Wholesale Trade	23.1	23.1	23.0	22.9	22.5	22.5	22.4	22.6	22.5	22.0	22.1	21.9	22.2
Retail Trade	106.0	108.3	109.0	108.3	108.1	109.1	107.4	106.8	106.1	103.8	104.0	105.4	106.8
Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate	24.8	24.1	23.9	23.9	24.0	24.0	23.9	23.9	24.3	24.3	24.2	24.5	24.3
Services	130.9	130.1	130.3	130.0	131.4	131.2	130.9	30.1	129.9	129.7	130.3	130.5	133.3
Government	95.6	94.9	94.6	94.4	94.9	95.4	95.8	94.6	94.4	94.0	93.2	94.0	93.5

1/ Place of residence. 2/ Place of work.

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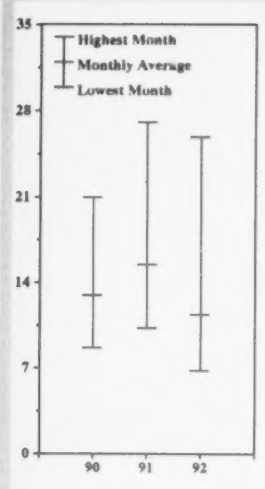
in Thousands



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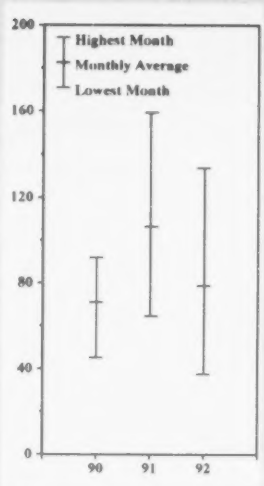
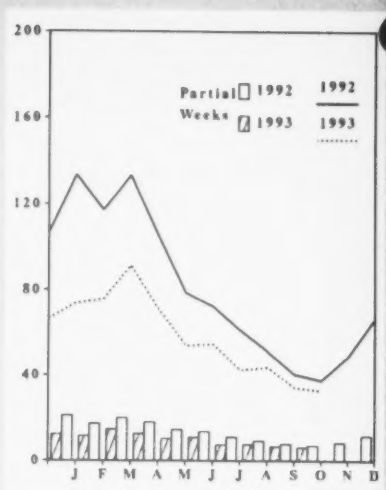




Eligible Labor Surplus Areas for Bidding on Federal Contracts

The U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration, recently released a list of labor surplus areas. The list, which became effective October 1, 1993 and remains in effect through September 30, 1994, contains the counties of Aroostook, Oxford, Piscataquis, Somerset, Waldo, and Washington. It also contains the City of Lewiston and the Balance of Androscoggin County.

Employers located in labor surplus areas can be given preference in bidding on Federal procurement contracts.

The civil jurisdiction is classified as a labor surplus area when its average unemployment rate was at least 20 percent above the average unemployment rate for all states (including the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico) during the previous two calendar years.

The national average unemployment rate during the period of January 1991 through December 1992 was 7.1 percent. Therefore, the qualifying rate for labor surplus area classification is 8.5 percent (7.1 percent times 1.20).

Employers located in labor surplus areas can be given preference in bidding on Federal procurement contracts. The purpose in providing such preference is to help direct government procurement dollars into areas where people are in the most severe economic need, i.e., areas with the highest rates of unemployment.

In addition to the basic labor surplus area classification criteria described, the regulations permit the U.S. Department of Labor to waive these criteria when an area's unemployment increases significantly due to "exceptional circumstances." Such circumstances result from major plant closings or cutbacks, contract cancellations, or such catastrophic events as fires, floods, and other major disasters.

In order for an area to be classified as an exception, a petition must be received from a State Employment Security Agency (SESA) indicating that the civil jurisdiction has had an increase in unemployment which is not seasonal and which was not reflected in the previous two-year reference period used in preparation of the annual listing. The SESAs are responsible for initiating the preparation and submittal of these petitions.

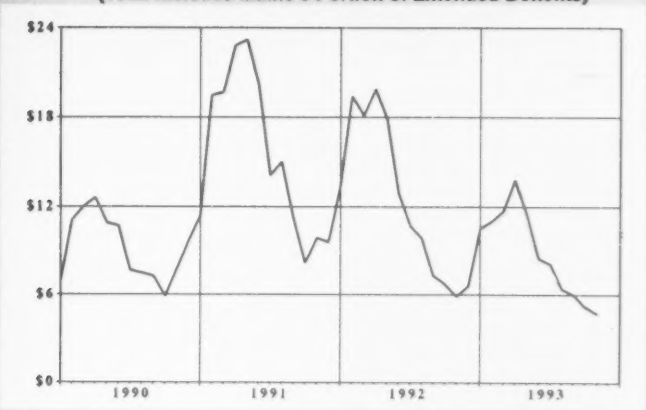
Selected Employment Security Activities

MAINE JOB SERVICE

Unemployment Insurance Benefit Payments

In Millions

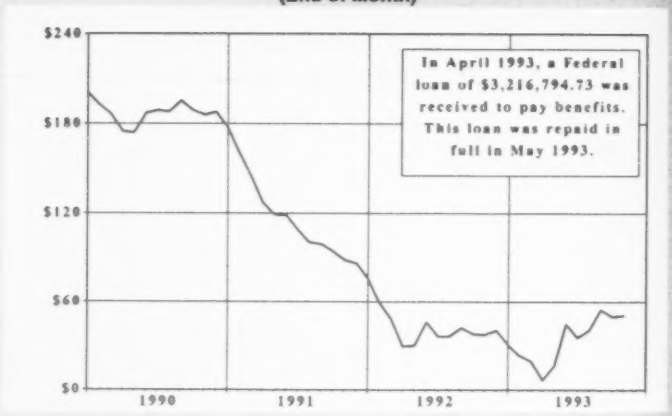
(Total Includes Maine's Portion of Extended Benefits)



Unemployment Compensation Fund Balance

In Millions

(End of Month)



Earnings and Workweek of Production Workers in Manufacturing Industries

AREA AND INDUSTRY	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS This Month	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS Last Month	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS Year Ago	AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS This Month	AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS Last Month	AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS Year Ago	AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS This Month	AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS Last Month	AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS Year Ago	ANNUAL AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS 1990	ANNUAL AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS 1991	ANNUAL AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS 1992
STATEWIDE												
Manufacturing	$483.62	$484.38	$463.49	41.3	41.4	40.8	$11.71	$11.70	$11.36	$10.58	$11.08	$11.38
Durable Goods	475.94	475.17	453.70	41.1	41.5	40.8	11.58	11.45	11.12	10.20	10.61	11.14
Lumber and Wood Products	383.54	387.32	379.14	40.5	40.9	40.9	9.47	9.47	9.27	9.10	8.97	9.25
Primary and Fabricated Metals	519.34	520.30	465.76	46.0	45.6	44.4	11.29	11.41	10.49	9.98	10.18	10.45
Industrial Machinery and Equipment	585.16	580.26	561.04	42.9	43.4	42.6	13.64	13.37	13.17	11.63	12.43	12.82
Electronic and Other Electric Equipment	427.24	430.61	404.81	41.2	42.3	40.2	10.37	10.18	10.07	9.69	9.91	10.02
Transportation Equipment	596.04	583.20	551.42	40.3	40.0	39.9	14.79	14.58	13.82	11.68	12.55	14.09
Other Durable Goods	361.30	360.12	366.51	39.4	40.6	40.1	9.17	8.87	9.14	8.11	8.57	8.86
Nondurable Goods	488.93	491.88	470.49	41.4	41.3	40.7	11.81	11.91	11.56	10.93	11.48	11.57
Food and Kindred Products	339.64	340.94	337.59	37.2	35.7	36.3	9.13	9.55	9.30	8.56	8.76	9.15
Textile Mill Products	415.34	409.08	378.33	43.4	41.7	40.9	9.57	9.81	9.25	8.82	8.82	9.03
Apparel and Other Textile Products	305.42	296.48	312.68	37.8	37.2	36.7	8.08	7.97	8.52	7.38	7.28	7.65
Paper and Allied Products	758.73	765.78	723.79	44.5	44.6	44.9	17.05	17.17	16.12	15.16	16.06	16.25
Leather and Leather Products	318.77	322.73	301.80	39.5	40.8	39.4	8.07	7.91	7.66	7.44	7.82	7.92
Other Nondurable Goods	423.54	422.09	403.76	41.2	41.3	39.2	10.28	10.22	10.30	9.62	9.85	10.07
PORTLAND MSA												
Manufacturing	420.82	423.20	397.76	39.7	40.0	38.1	10.60	10.58	10.44	10.63	10.45	10.55
LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA												
Manufacturing	415.25	429.27	377.87	43.3	44.3	41.8	9.59	9.69	9.04	9.26	9.33	9.53

Female Labor Force in Maine

in Thousands

ITEM[1/]	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Labor Force	315.6	317.1	309.8
Unemployment	18.7	17.3	15.7
(Percent)	5.9%	5.5%	5.1%
Resident Employed	296.9	299.8	294.1

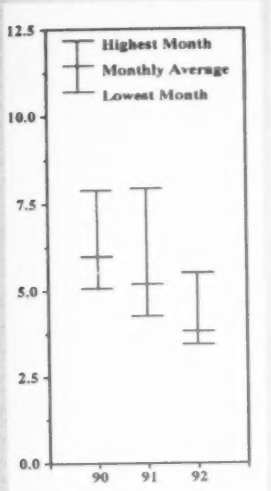
1/ Current figures preliminary; last month and year ago figures revised.
Source: Female labor force estimates are developed by, and solely the responsibility of, the Maine Division of Economic Analysis and Research.

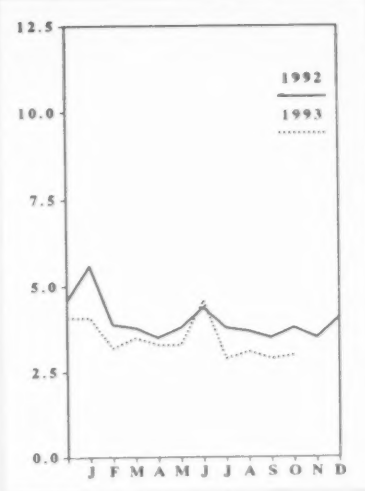
U.S. Consumer Price Index

BASE PERIOD (1982-1984 = 100) All Items (CPI-U)	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	Last Dec.
	145.7	145.1	141.8	141.9

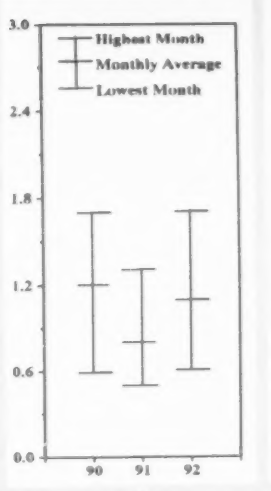
Percent Change for Past Month	+0.4%
Percent Change from Last December	+2.7%
Percent Change from 12 Months Ago	+2.8%

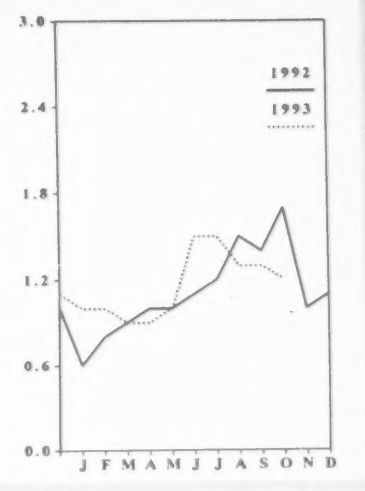
New Applications For Work
In Thousands





Nonfarm Placements
In Thousands
(Excludes Placements of Less than Three Days Duration)





Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment by Place of Work (in Thousands)

ITEM	STATEWIDE THIS MONTH	STATEWIDE LAST MONTH	STATEWIDE YEAR AGO	PORTLAND MSA THIS MONTH	PORTLAND MSA LAST MONTH	PORTLAND MSA YEAR AGO	LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA THIS MONTH	LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA LAST MONTH	LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA YEAR AGO
Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment 1/	530.4	525.6	526.1	126.2	124.9	123.7	39.8	38.5	38.5
Goods Producing	117.3	117.1	116.9	18.9	19.1	18.7	9.8	9.9	9.8
Construction and Mining	23.9	24.3	24.1	5.7	5.7	5.6	1.5	1.6	1.7
Building Construction	5.7	5.6	5.8	1.2	1.2	1.3	n/a	n/a	n/a
Special Trade Contractors	13.2	13.7	13.3	3.8	3.9	3.8	n/a	n/a	n/a
Manufacturing	93.4	92.8	92.8	13.2	13.4	13.1	8.3	8.3	8.1
Durable Goods	41.4	40.8	41.9	5.7	5.9	5.9	2.2	2.3	2.2
Lumber and Wood Products	11.1	11.0	11.0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Primary and Fabricated Metals	3.2	3.2	3.2	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Industrial Machinery and Equipment	3.9	3.8	3.6	1.0	1.0	1.0	n/a	n/a	n/a
Electronic and other Elect. Equip.	6.6	6.6	7.0	2.0	2.0	2.4	n/a	n/a	n/a
Transportation Equipment	12.2	11.9	12.9	(d)	(d)	(d)	n/a	n/a	n/a
Other Durable Goods 2/	4.4	4.3	4.2	2.7	2.9	2.5	n/a	n/a	n/a
Nondurable Goods	52.0	52.0	50.9	7.5	7.5	7.2	6.1	6.0	5.9
Food and Kindred Products	6.9	6.8	6.7	2.0	2.0	1.9	n/a	n/a	n/a
Textile Mill Products	5.4	5.5	5.0	(d)	(d)	(d)	n/a	n/a	n/a
Apparel and Other Textile Products	3.2	3.2	3.1	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Paper and Allied Products	16.1	16.2	16.2	(d)	(d)	(d)	n/a	n/a	n/a
Printing and Publishing	5.3	5.3	5.2	1.6	1.5	1.5	n/a	n/a	n/a
Rubber and Misc. Plastic Products	3.1	3.0	2.9	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Leather and Leather Products	10.4	10.4	10.2	1.3	1.3	1.1	1.8	1.7	2.0
Footwear (except Rubber)	8.5	8.5	8.5	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Other Nondurable Goods 3/	1.6	1.6	1.6	2.6	2.7	2.7	4.3	4.3	3.9
Service Producing	413.1	408.5	409.2	107.3	105.8	105.0	30.0	28.6	28.7
Transportation and Public Utilities	20.8	20.9	21.7	5.7	5.6	5.7	1.4	1.3	1.3
Wholesale Trade	22.6	22.5	23.2	8.4	8.4	8.4	2.0	2.0	1.9
Retail Trade	111.8	111.0	111.3	31.5	30.2	29.3	8.7	8.1	8.4
General Merchandise Stores	11.9	11.6	12.2	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Food Stores	19.6	19.7	18.3	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Eating and Drinking Places	35.8	36.8	34.6	8.5	8.3	7.8	n/a	n/a	n/a
Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate	24.9	24.5	24.0	11.7	11.7	11.8	2.0	2.0	1.9
Banking	8.8	8.9	8.6	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Insurance Carriers, Brokers and Agents	11.0	10.6	10.7	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Services	136.4	136.4	131.7	34.3	34.3	33.1	11.5	11.1	10.7
Hotels and Other Lodging Places	11.1	12.2	10.4	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Business Services	13.6	13.7	13.7	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Health Services	48.9	48.9	47.9	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Federal Government	15.1	15.3	16.3	2.1	2.1	2.1	0.3	0.3	0.3
State Government	28.4	26.5	28.5	5.0	4.3	4.8	0.7	0.6	0.7
Local Government	53.1	51.4	52.5	8.6	9.2	9.8	3.4	3.2	3.5
Involved in Labor-Management Disputes	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

1/ Employment figures relate to full- and part-time wage and salary workers in pay periods including the 12th of the month. Domestic workers in private households, proprietors, self-employed, and unpaid family workers are excluded. 2/ Includes Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) codes: Statewide - 25, 32, 38, 39; Portland - 24, 25, 32, 33, 34, 37, 38, 39. 3/ Includes SIC codes: Statewide - 28, 29; Portland - 20, 22, 23, 26, 30; Lewiston - 20, 22, 23, 26, 27. 4/ Regular teachers are included in summer months whether or not specifically paid in those months. n/a - data not available in sufficient detail for publication. * Less than 50. (d) Nondisclosure item. Source: Nonfarm wage and salary employment by place of work and earnings, and workweek of production workers in manufacturing industries are developed by the Maine Division of Economic Analysis and Research in cooperation with the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Labor Force, Employment and Unemployment

AREA 1/	LABOR FORCE 2/ This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	RESIDENT EMPLOYED This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	UNEMPLOYMENT Number This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	UNEMPLOYMENT Percent of Labor Force This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
MAINE-STATEWIDE(000)	657.8	655.5	658.2	615.2	610.6	621.2	42.6	44.9	37.0	6.5	6.9	5.6
MAJOR LABOR MARKET												
Bangor MSA	49,100	47,700	47,500	46,500	45,000	45,400	2,600	2,700	2,000	5.3	5.7	4.3
Lewiston-Auburn MSA	44,900	43,900	44,400	41,500	39,900	41,200	3,400	4,000	3,200	7.5	9.1	7.1
Portland MSA	137,100	135,900	136,100	130,900	129,100	130,700	6,300	6,800	5,400	4.6	5.0	4.0
Portsmouth-Dover-Rochester MSA	142,100	142,200	138,400	136,100	135,900	131,300	6,000	5,300	7,100	4.2	3.8	5.1
OTHER LABOR MARKETS												
Augusta	36,740	36,380	37,740	34,550	34,110	35,900	2,190	2,270	1,840	5.9	6.2	4.9
Bath-Brunswick	31,380	30,550	32,860	30,010	29,040	31,610	1,370	1,510	1,250	4.4	4.9	3.8
Belfast	13,170	11,520	13,080	11,880	10,120	11,990	1,290	1,390	1,090	9.8	12.1	8.3
Biddeford	28,050	28,340	28,420	25,990	26,310	26,570	2,070	2,030	1,850	7.4	7.2	6.5
Boothbay Harbor-Wiscasset	18,100	18,310	17,720	17,240	17,630	17,120	860	680	610	4.7	3.7	3.4
Calais-Eastport	16,420	16,360	16,180	14,580	14,330	14,790	1,840	2,030	1,390	11.2	12.4	8.6
Caribou-Presque Isle	22,360	23,890	23,320	20,050	21,200	21,160	2,310	2,690	2,150	10.3	11.3	9.2
Central Penobscot	3,600	3,480	3,510	3,290	3,130	3,280	310	360	230	8.7	10.2	6.5
Dover-Foxcroft	7,260	7,310	7,410	6,680	6,670	6,870	580	640	540	7.9	8.7	7.3
Ellsworth	28,230	29,020	28,560	26,660	27,430	27,170	1,570	1,590	1,390	5.6	5.5	4.9
Farmington	14,420	14,120	14,430	13,340	13,050	13,410	1,080	1,060	1,010	7.5	7.5	7.0
Fort Kent-Allagash	6,200	6,470	6,270	5,630	5,870	5,820	570	600	450	9.1	9.3	7.1
Greenville	1,230	1,330	1,330	1,140	1,270	1,220	90	70	110	7.2	5.1	8.4
Houlton	7,290	7,390	7,560	6,830	6,930	7,170	460	460	390	6.3	6.2	5.1
Kittery-York 3/	30,710	30,790	30,570	29,850	29,930	29,770	860	860	800	2.8	2.8	2.6
Lincoln-Howland	5,380	5,430	5,540	4,840	4,910	5,130	540	520	420	10.1	9.6	7.5
Livermore Falls	6,290	6,170	6,290	5,840	5,650	5,830	450	520	460	7.2	8.4	7.4
Madawaska-Van Buren	4,380	4,600	4,680	4,030	4,180	4,310	350	410	370	7.9	9.0	7.9
Millinocket-East Millinocket	4,140	4,260	4,190	3,770	3,870	3,890	370	400	300	9.0	9.4	7.3
Norway-Paris	13,340	13,280	12,850	12,030	12,060	11,870	1,300	1,220	980	9.8	9.2	7.6
Patten-Island Falls	2,930	3,000	3,120	2,680	2,700	2,860	250	300	260	8.5	10.1	8.2
Rockland	21,320	21,680	20,480	20,310	20,670	19,560	1,010	1,010	910	4.7	4.7	4.5
Rumford	8,960	9,310	9,310	8,140	8,500	8,610	820	810	700	9.1	8.7	7.5
Sanford	16,790	17,050	17,130	15,450	15,550	15,860	1,340	1,500	1,270	8.0	8.8	7.4
Sebago Lakes Region	13,520	13,110	13,830	12,600	12,300	13,070	920	810	750	6.8	6.2	5.4
Skowhegan	27,350	27,520	26,240	24,860	24,990	24,150	2,490	2,530	2,090	9.1	9.2	8.0
Southwest Penobscot	11,140	11,190	11,020	9,920	9,940	9,940	1,220	1,260	1,080	11.0	11.2	9.8
Waterville	26,090	26,180	26,620	24,220	24,290	24,920	1,870	1,890	1,700	7.2	7.2	6.4
OTHER NEW ENGLAND STATES (000)												
Connecticut	n/a	n/a	1,797.5	n/a	n/a	1,670.0	n/a	n/a	127.6	n/a	n/a	7.1
Massachusetts	3,148.0	3,142.0	3,077.0	2,954.0	2,921.0	2,842.0	194.0	222.0	235.0	6.2	7.1	7.6
New Hampshire	646.6	642.6	637.0	608.8	606.1	592.0	37.8	36.5	45.0	5.9	5.7	7.1
Rhode Island	516.5	518.3	524.8	481.0	482.8	482.9	35.5	35.5	41.9	6.9	6.8	8.0
Vermont	329.5	323.0	321.5	317.4	310.1	305.4	12.1	12.9	16.2	3.7	4.0	5.0
NEW ENGLAND STATES (000)	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
UNITED STATES (000)	128,547	127,858	126,846	120,446	119,730	118,246	8,101	8,128	8,600	6.3	6.4	6.8

Footnotes

1/ Labor force, employment, and unemployment data for all areas are by place of residence and are not seasonally adjusted. Estimates made independently for each labor market area have been benchmarked to and extrapolated from the Current Population Survey estimates for the state. All data exclude members of the Armed Forces. Data are rounded for publishing purposes. Employment and unemployment may not add to labor force due to rounding. MSA - Metropolitan Statistical Area. n/a indicates that the information was not available at the time of printing.

2/ Current estimates preliminary. Last month and year ago estimates revised.

3/ Kittery-York is the eight-town Maine portion of the Portsmouth-Dover-Rochester MSA which includes towns in both Maine and New Hampshire.

Source: These data are developed by the Maine Division of Economic Analysis and Research in cooperation with the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Mid-Month Insured Unemployment

ITEM	STATEWIDE This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	PORTLAND MSA This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Number of continued-week claimants*	7,311	7,361	8,893	1,333	1,369	1,471	525	637	734

Continued-week claimants are less partials for week including the 12th of the month.

Civilian Labor Force and Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment in Maine

Seasonally Adjusted in Thousands

ITEM	1992			1993									
	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct.
Civilian Labor Force 1/	660.6	663.7	659.9	662.0	654.0	657.4	652.1	652.6	652.6	647.1	654.8	654.7	660.4
Resident Employment	616.1	616.8	612.5	611.6	600.7	602.9	598.9	600.8	596.4	599.0	605.0	603.9	609.1
Unemployment	44.5	46.9	47.6	50.5	53.3	54.5	53.3	51.9	56.0	48.1	49.8	50.8	51.2
Percent of Labor Force	6.7	7.1	7.2	7.6	8.2	8.3	8.2	7.9	8.6	7.4	7.6	7.8	7.8
Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment 2/	514.9	515.6	513.9	519.1	519.6	517.0	514.4	511.9	507.3	507.2	509.7	512.7	519.1
Construction	21.3	21.4	21.9	23.5	23.4	23.1	22.7	21.8	21.3	21.7	21.0	21.3	21.1
Manufacturing, Durable Goods	41.1	41.0	41.0	41.4	41.4	40.9	40.8	40.9	40.2	40.1	40.1	40.1	40.6
Manufacturing, Nondurable Goods	50.5	51.0	50.2	51.5	51.2	50.9	51.5	51.1	51.1	51.0	51.5	51.1	51.5
Transportation and Public Utilities	21.4	21.3	21.2	21.7	21.3	21.6	21.4	20.9	20.8	[illegible]	20.8	20.4	20.5
Wholesale Trade	23.1	23.0	22.9	22.5	22.5	22.4	22.6	22.5	22.0	[illegible]	21.9	22.2	22.5
Retail Trade	108.3	109.0	108.3	108.1	109.1	107.4	106.8	106.1	103.8	[illegible]	105.4	106.8	108.7
Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate	24.1	23.9	23.9	24.0	24.0	23.9	23.9	24.3	24.3	24.2	24.5	24.3	25.0
Services	130.1	130.3	130.0	131.4	131.2	130.9	30.1	129.9	129.7	130.3	130.5	132.9	134.8
Government	94.9	94.6	94.4	94.9	95.4	95.8	94.6	94.4	94.0	93.2	94.0	93.5	94.2

1/ Place of residence. 2/ Place of work.

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Year-End Nonfarm Employment Review*

Nonfarm wage and salary employment in Maine recorded a slight increase in 1993 after three consecutive years of losses. Increased consumer confidence and lower interest rates led to increased spending and resultant employment growth in several industries. Nonfarm employment growth continued to be restrained by reductions in defense expenditures and restructuring in the means of distributing products to consumers.

Total nonfarm employment increased by 2,400 between 1992 and 1993 to 514,100. The gain was small compared to the average annual gain of 18,000 jobs recorded between 1982 and 1989, but a great improvement over the average job loss of 9,200 jobs between 1989 and 1992.

Goods-Producing Sector

The massive job loss that impacted the goods-producing sector of the economy the last three years ended in 1993. On the strength of a rebound in construction activity, goods-producing employment increased by 600 to 114,000.

Construction — Construction activity in Maine peaked in the latter part of 1988, a precursor to the broader-based downturn that followed a year later. The number of construction jobs fell each year through 1992, the longest and steepest downturn on record. The tide turned in 1993 as the industry generated 1,100 new jobs. The growth was mainly among special trade contractors and in heavy construction.

This upturn in construction may be a significant development. Swings in the level of construction activity often lead broader trends, and increases in construction often spur spending for other products and services.

Manufacturing — Manufacturing employment declined by 400 over the year to 92,300. The job losses were concentrated in the transportation equipment, electrical and electronic equipment, and paper industries, where 800, 400, and 200 jobs were lost, respectively. The losses in transportation equipment were mainly due to cutbacks in naval shipbuilding.

Small job gains were recorded in the textile, apparel, and leather products industries, reversing more than ten years of consistent losses. Employment in most other manufacturing industries was little changed over the year.

Service-Producing Sector

Employment in the service-producing sector of the economy increased by 1,800 to 400,200 in 1993. The growth was concentrated in retail trade and services.

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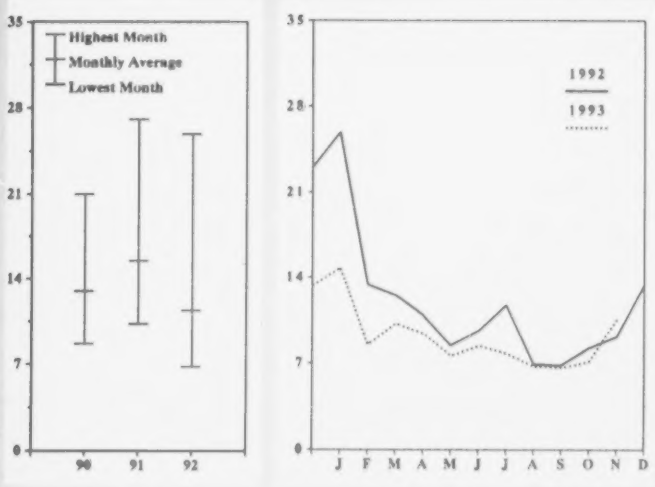
UI Initial Claims
in Thousands



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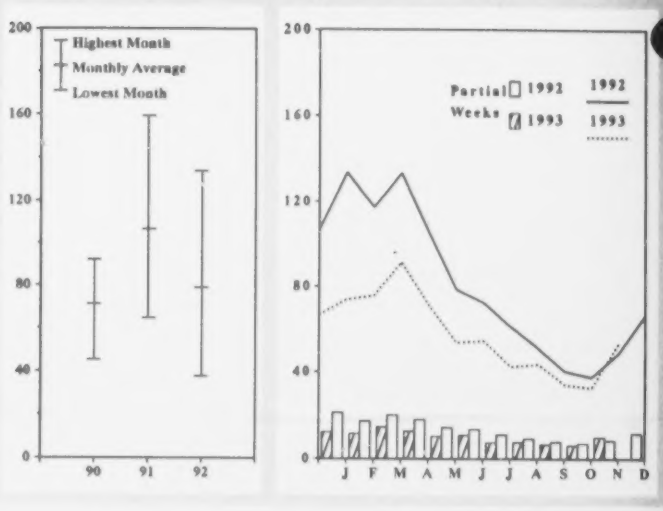

Transportation, Communication, and Public Utilities — The number of jobs in this industry division declined by 500 over the year, mainly in the motor freight and warehousing industry due to the closure of a trucking company.

Wholesale Trade — Employment in wholesale trade fell by 700, the fifth consecutive year of decline. The restructuring that has engulfed the U.S. economy has squeezed wholesalers out of a number of product categories as manufacturers and retailers increasingly deal directly with each other, bypassing intermediaries. This trend is driven by two factors: deregulation of trucking which dramatically reduced the cost of transporting small loads; and modern computer technology which is revolutionizing the way businesses manage inventories, place orders, and plan production.

Retail Trade — Retail trade employment was up 2,100 over the year to 106,600, as pent-up demand after three years of stagnation boosted retail sales. General merchandise stores, eating and drinking places, automobile dealers and service stations, and building material and hardware stores added 1,200, 1,100, 600, and 300 jobs to their payrolls, respectively. Miscellaneous retail trade, an industry which includes drug stores, liquor stores, used merchandise stores, book stores, hobby shops, catalog and mail-order houses, and fuel dealers, offset some of these gains as employment fell by 1,100.

Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate — Employment in this division declined by 100 over the year. Small job losses in depository institutions and the insurance industry were partially offset by an additional 200 wage and salary jobs in real estate.

Services — The number of jobs in the services industry division increased by 2,400 over the year to 132,000. Most of that growth was in health services (+900 jobs), social services (+700 jobs), and motion pictures and amusement and recreation services (+500 jobs). The rapid growth in health services is consistent with the trend of recent years as demographic trends and technological advances drive the demand for health care higher.

Government — Cutbacks at the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard in Kittery reduced federal government employment by 1,600. State government employment increased by 400, mostly in education. Those gains were partially offset by the loss of 200 local government jobs.

**All 1992 and 1993 numbers are January through November averages.*

by Glenn A. Mills
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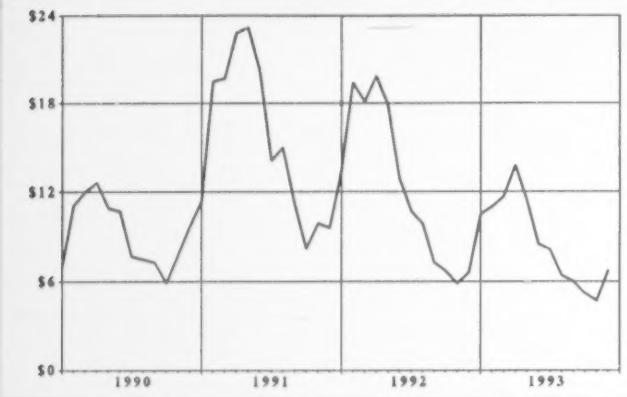
Selected Employment Security Activities

MAINE JOB SERVICE

Unemployment Insurance Benefit Payments

In Millions

(Total Includes Maine's Portion of Extended Benefits)



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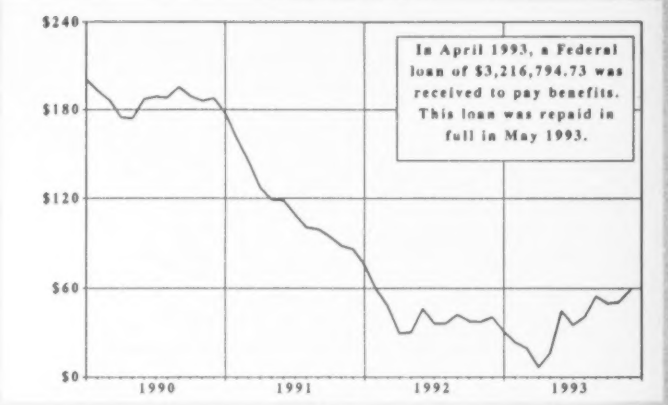
In Millions

(End of Month)



Earnings and Workweek of Production Workers in Manufacturing Industries

AREA AND INDUSTRY	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	ANNUAL AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS 1990	1991	1992
STATEWIDE												
Manufacturing	$479.64	$482.04	$465.35	41.1	41.2	40.5	$11.67	$11.70	$11.49	$10.58	$11.08	$11.38
Durable Goods	470.76	474.78	445.01	40.9	41.0	40.2	11.51	11.58	11.07	10.20	10.61	11.14
Lumber and Wood Products	384.38	382.59	375.03	41.6	40.4	40.5	9.24	9.47	9.26	9.10	8.97	9.25
Primary and Fabricated Metals	525.54	522.73	445.42	46.1	46.3	42.3	11.40	11.29	10.53	9.98	10.18	10.45
Industrial Machinery and Equipment	569.84	575.37	542.41	43.8	42.4	41.5	13.01	13.57	13.07	11.63	12.43	12.82
Electronic and Other Electric Equipment	424.76	422.06	407.20	40.3	40.7	40.0	10.54	10.37	10.18	9.69	9.91	10.02
Transportation Equipment	584.37	596.04	533.50	38.7	40.3	38.8	15.10	14.79	13.75	11.68	12.55	14.09
Other Durable Goods	353.13	360.38	359.10	39.5	39.3	40.9	8.94	9.17	8.78	8.11	8.57	8.86
Nondurable Goods	486.57	488.11	482.26	41.2	41.4	40.8	11.81	11.79	11.82	10.93	11.48	11.57
Food and Kindred Products	338.92	333.98	342.98	37.0	36.5	36.8	9.16	9.15	9.32	8.56	8.76	9.15
Textile Mill Products	417.06	415.34	398.13	42.0	43.4	41.3	9.93	9.57	9.64	8.82	8.82	9.03
Apparel and Other Textile Products	314.11	304.67	292.38	38.4	37.8	33.0	8.18	8.06	8.86	7.38	7.28	7.65
Paper and Allied Products	740.52	758.73	738.00	44.0	44.5	45.0	16.83	17.05	16.40	15.16	16.06	16.25
Leather and Leather Products	323.21	319.20	310.45	40.2	39.9	39.7	8.04	8.00	7.82	7.44	7.82	7.92
Other Nondurable Goods	422.91	423.54	407.40	40.9	41.2	39.4	10.34	10.28	10.34	9.62	9.85	10.07
PORTLAND MSA												
Manufacturing	421.50	416.70	411.06	39.1	39.2	39.0	10.78	10.63	10.54	10.63	10.45	10.55
LEWISTON.AUBURN MSA												
Manufacturing	435.56	415.25	379.86	43.6	43.3	41.2	9.99	9.59	9.22	9.26	9.33	9.53

Female Labor Force in Maine

In Thousands

ITEM[1/]	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Labor Force	302.8	315.7	305.1
Unemployment	21.5	18.7	23.5
(Percent)	7.1%	5.9%	7.7%
Resident Employed	281.3	297.0	281.6

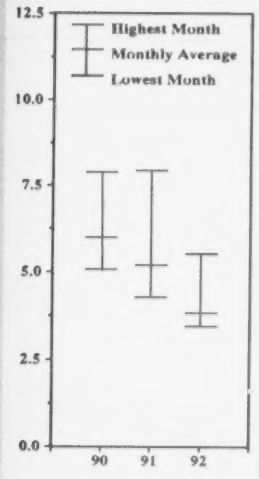
U.S. Consumer Price Index

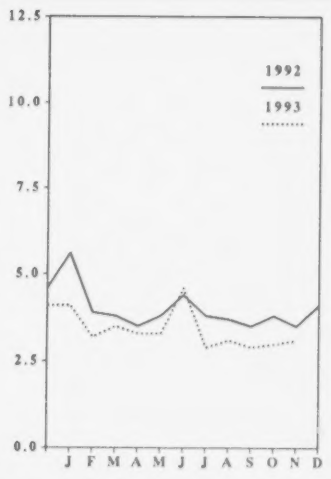
BASE PERIOD (1982-1984 = 100) All Items (CPI-U)	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	Last Dec.
	145.8	145.7	142.0	141.9

Percent Change for Past Month	+0.1%
Percent Change from Last December	+2.7%
Percent Change from 12 Months Ago	+2.7%

1/ Current figures preliminary; last month and year ago figures revised.
Source: Female labor force estimates are developed by, and solely the responsibility of, the Maine Division of Economic Analysis and Research.

New Applications For Work
in Thousands





Nonfarm Placements
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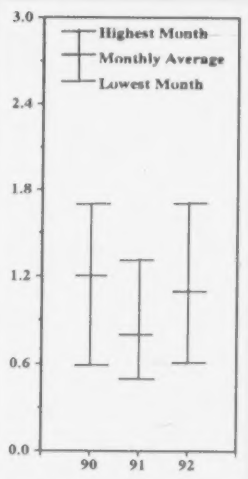

Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment by Place of Work (in Thousands)

ITEM	STATEWIDE			PORTLAND MSA			LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA		
	THIS MONTH	LAST MONTH	YEAR AGO	THIS MONTH	LAST MONTH	YEAR AGO	THIS MONTH	LAST MONTH	YEAR AGO
Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment 1/	526.5	530.7	521.7	127.1	126.6	123.6	40.1	39.8	38.5
Goods Producing	116.6	117.3	115.8	18.8	18.9	17.9	9.8	9.8	9.6
Construction and Mining	23.1	23.9	22.7	5.7	5.7	5.4	1.5	1.5	1.6
Building Construction	5.6	5.6	5.3	1.3	1.2	1.3	n/a	n/a	n/a
Special Trade Contractors	12.9	13.2	12.9	3.7	3.8	3.6	n/a	n/a	n/a
Manufacturing	93.5	93.4	93.1	13.1	13.2	12.5	8.3	8.3	8.0
Durable Goods	41.8	41.4	41.9	5.6	5.7	5.3	2.2	2.2	2.2
Lumber and Wood Products	11.1	11.1	10.8	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Primary and Fabricated Metals	3.2	3.2	3.2	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Industrial Machinery and Equipment	4.0	3.9	3.7	1.0	1.0	1.0	n/a	n/a	n/a
Electronic and other Elect. Equip.	6.6	6.6	6.9	2.0	2.0	2.3	n/a	n/a	n/a
Transportation Equipment	12.3	12.2	13.1	(d)	(d)	(d)	n/a	n/a	n/a
Other Durable Goods 2/	4.6	4.4	4.2	2.6	2.7	2.0	n/a	n/a	n/a
Nondurable Goods	51.7	52.0	51.2	7.5	7.5	7.2	6.1	6.1	5.8
Food and Kindred Products	6.7	6.9	6.7	2.0	2.0	1.9	n/a	n/a	n/a
Textile Mill Products	5.4	5.4	5.1	(d)	(d)	(d)	n/a	n/a	n/a
Apparel and Other Textile Products	3.2	3.2	3.1	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Paper and Allied Products	16.2	16.1	16.6	(d)	(d)	(d)	n/a	n/a	n/a
Printing and Publishing	5.3	5.3	5.2	1.5	1.6	1.5	n/a	n/a	n/a
Rubber and Misc. Plastic Products	3.0	3.1	2.9	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Leather and Leather Products	10.4	10.4	10.0	1.3	1.3	1.1	1.8	1.8	1.8
Footwear (except Rubber)	8.5	8.5	8.3	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Other Nondurable Goods 3/	1.5	1.6	1.6	2.7	2.6	2.7	4.3	4.3	4.0
Service Producing	409.9	413.4	405.9	108.3	107.7	105.7	30.3	30.0	28.9
Transportation and Public Utilities	20.6	20.7	21.4	5.6	5.7	5.7	1.4	1.4	1.3
Wholesale Trade	22.6	22.6	23.0	8.4	8.3	8.3	2.0	2.0	1.9
Retail Trade	110.5	111.6	110.7	31.4	31.1	30.2	9.0	8.7	8.6
General Merchandise Stores	12.7	11.9	12.6	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Food Stores	18.7	19.6	18.2	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Eating and Drinking Places	32.8	35.5	32.2	7.8	8.0	7.6	n/a	n/a	n/a
Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate	24.6	24.6	23.7	11.7	11.7	11.7	2.0	2.0	1.9
Banking	8.8	8.8	8.6	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Insurance Carriers, Brokers and Agents	10.7	10.6	10.6	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Services	133.8	137.3	128.3	34.4	34.3	32.9	11.5	11.5	10.7
Hotels and Other Lodging Places	8.6	11.2	8.0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Business Services	13.4	13.7	13.1	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Health Services	48.9	48.9	47.9	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Federal Government	15.0	15.1	16.3	2.1	2.1	2.2	0.3	0.3	0.3
State Government	28.7	28.4	29.1	5.0	5.0	4.8	0.7	0.7	0.7
Local Government	54.1	53.1	53.4	9.7	9.5	9.9	3.4	3.4	3.5
Involved in Labor-Management Disputes	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

1/ Employment figures relate to full- and part-time wage and salary workers in pay periods including the 12th of the month. Domestic workers in private households, proprietors, self-employed, and unpaid family workers are excluded. 2/ Includes Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) codes: Statewide - 25, 32, 38, 39; Portland - 24, 25, 32, 33, 34, 37, 38, 39. 3/ Includes SIC codes: Statewide - 28, 29; Portland - 20, 22, 23, 26, 30; Lewiston - 20, 22, 23, 26, 27. 4/ Regular teachers are included in summer months whether or not specifically paid in those months. n/a - data not available in sufficient detail for publication. * Less than 50. (d) Nondisclosure item. Source: Nonfarm wage and salary employment by place of work and earnings, and workweek of production workers in manufacturing industries are developed by the Maine Division of Economic Analysis and Research in cooperation with the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Labor Force, Employment and Unemployment

AREA 1/	LABOR FORCE 2/ This Month	LABOR FORCE 2/ Last Month	LABOR FORCE 2/ Year Ago	RESIDENT EMPLOYED This Month	RESIDENT EMPLOYED Last Month	RESIDENT EMPLOYED Year Ago	UNEMPLOYMENT Number This Month	UNEMPLOYMENT Number Last Month	UNEMPLOYMENT Number Year Ago	UNEMPLOYMENT Percent of Labor Force This Month	UNEMPLOYMENT Percent of Labor Force Last Month	UNEMPLOYMENT Percent of Labor Force Year Ago
MAINE-STATEWIDE(000)	643.1	658.0	656.1	591.5	615.3	609.8	51.6	42.6	46.3	8.0	6.5	7.1
MAJOR LABOR MARKET												
Bangor MSA	48,400	49,100	47,800	45,200	46,500	45,200	3,200	2,600	2,600	6.6	5.3	5.4
Lewiston-Auburn MSA	44,400	44,900	44,800	40,600	41,500	40,900	3,800	3,400	3,900	8.7	7.5	8.7
Portland MSA	135,000	137,100	136,900	128,000	130,900	130,500	7,000	6,200	6,400	5.2	4.6	4.6
Portsmouth-Dover-Rochester MSA	143,800	142,400	140,900	137,900	136,400	133,300	6,000	6,000	7,600	4.1	4.2	5.4
OTHER LABOR MARKETS												
Augusta	36,080	36,740	38,050	33,620	34,550	35,720	2,460	2,180	2,340	6.8	5.9	6.1
Bath-Brunswick	30,970	31,380	33,390	29,200	30,010	31,780	1,770	1,370	1,610	5.7	4.4	4.8
Belfast	12,970	13,180	13,070	11,380	11,890	11,760	1,590	1,300	1,310	12.3	9.8	10.0
Biddeford	27,110	28,060	28,260	24,780	25,990	25,830	2,330	2,070	2,430	8.6	7.4	8.6
Boothbay Harbor-Wiscasset	16,560	18,100	16,730	15,500	17,240	15,670	1,070	860	1,060	6.4	4.7	6.3
Calais-Eastport	16,330	16,420	16,670	14,320	14,580	14,960	2,010	1,840	1,710	12.3	11.2	10.2
Caribou-Presque Isle	21,900	22,370	22,690	19,010	20,050	20,170	2,890	2,320	2,520	13.2	10.4	11.1
Central Penobscot	3,720	3,600	3,630	3,320	3,290	3,340	410	310	300	10.9	8.7	8.1
Dover-Foxcroft	7,110	7,260	7,400	6,430	6,680	6,770	680	570	630	9.6	7.9	8.5
Ellsworth	26,420	28,230	26,740	23,790	26,660	24,610	2,630	1,570	2,130	10.0	5.6	8.0
Farmington	14,070	14,430	14,560	12,850	13,340	13,370	1,220	1,090	1,190	8.7	7.5	8.2
Fort Kent-Allagash	5,800	6,200	6,040	5,230	5,630	5,490	560	570	550	9.7	9.2	9.2
Greenville	1,170	1,230	1,310	1,030	1,140	1,180	140	90	130	11.7	7.1	10.2
Houlton	6,910	7,290	7,010	6,340	6,830	6,590	570	460	420	8.2	6.3	6.0
Kittery-York 3/	30,410	30,780	30,890	29,090	29,910	29,680	1,320	870	1,210	4.3	2.8	3.9
Lincoln-Howland	5,320	5,380	5,530	4,670	4,840	5,070	660	540	460	12.4	10.0	8.2
Livermore Falls	6,030	6,300	6,340	5,500	5,840	5,770	530	460	570	8.8	7.3	8.9
Madawaska-Van Buren	4,150	4,380	4,450	3,700	4,030	4,030	450	350	430	10.8	7.9	9.6
Millinocket-East Millinocket	4,020	4,140	4,120	3,640	3,770	3,770	380	370	350	9.5	9.0	8.4
Norway-Paris	12,940	13,340	12,870	11,610	12,040	11,580	1,330	1,300	1,290	10.3	9.8	10.0
Patten-Island Falls	2,770	2,930	2,840	2,460	2,680	2,570	310	250	260	11.3	8.5	9.3
Rockland	20,750	21,320	20,370	19,070	20,310	19,130	1,670	1,010	1,240	8.1	4.7	6.1
Rumford	9,110	8,970	9,640	8,000	8,140	8,730	1,110	830	910	12.2	9.2	9.4
Sanford	16,880	16,780	17,280	15,140	15,450	15,660	1,730	1,340	1,620	10.3	8.0	9.4
Sebago Lakes Region	12,350	13,530	12,820	11,230	12,610	11,880	1,120	920	940	9.1	6.8	7.3
Skowhegan	26,550	27,330	25,870	23,600	24,860	23,390	2,950	2,470	2,480	11.1	9.0	9.6
Southwest Penobscot	11,190	11,140	11,110	9,640	9,920	9,650	1,550	1,220	1,460	13.8	11.0	13.1
Waterville	25,680	26,100	27,050	23,590	24,230	25,110	2,090	1,880	1,940	8.1	7.2	7.2
OTHER NEW ENGLAND STATES (000)												
Connecticut	n/a	n/a	1,786.3	n/a	n/a	1,660.4	n/a	n/a	125.9	n/a	n/a	7.0
Massachusetts	3,140.0	3,148.0	3,113.0	2,948.0	2,954.0	2,855.0	192.0	194.0	257.0	6.1	6.2	8.3
New Hampshire	652.1	646.7	645.3	617.8	608.8	598.1	34.3	37.9	47.3	5.3	5.9	7.3
Rhode Island	517.5	516.5	526.4	480.5	480.9	484.7	37.0	35.7	41.7	7.1	6.9	7.9
Vermont	327.4	329.4	329.3	313.9	317.3	309.9	13.6	12.1	19.4	4.1	3.7	5.9
NEW ENGLAND STATES (000)	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
UNITED STATES (000)	128,521	128,547	127,087	120,632	120,446	118,239	7,890	8,101	8,848	6.1	6.3	7.0

Footnotes

1/ Labor force, employment, and unemployment data for all areas are by place of residence and are not seasonally adjusted. Estimates made independently for each labor market area have been benchmarked to and extrapolated from the Current Population Survey estimates for the state. All data exclude members of the Armed Forces. Data are rounded for publishing purposes. Employment and unemployment may not add to labor force due to rounding. MSA - Metropolitan Statistical Area. n/a indicates that the information was not available at the time of printing.

2/ Current estimates preliminary. Last month and year ago estimates revised.

3/ Kittery-York is the eight-town Maine portion of the Portsmouth-Dover-Rochester MSA which includes towns in both Maine and New Hampshire.

Source: These data are developed by the Maine Division of Economic Analysis and Research in cooperation with the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Mid-Month Insured Unemployment

ITEM	STATEWIDE This Month	STATEWIDE Last Month	STATEWIDE Year Ago	PORTLAND MSA This Month	PORTLAND MSA Last Month	PORTLAND MSA Year Ago	LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA This Month	LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA Last Month	LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA Year Ago
Number of continued-week claimants*	10,481	7,366	11,098	1,546	1,336	1,581	713	523	833

Continued-week claimants are less partials for week including the 12th of the month.

Civilian Labor Force and Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment in Maine

Seasonally Adjusted in Thousands

ITEM	1992		1993										
	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct.	Nov
Civilian Labor Force 1/	663.7	659.9	662.0	654.0	657.4	652.1	652.6	652.6	647.1	654.8	654.7	660.5	649.8
Resident Employment	616.8	612.3	611.6	600.7	602.9	598.9	600.8	596.4	599.0	605.0	603.9	609.2	596.9
Unemployment	46.9	47.6	50.5	53.3	54.5	53.3	51.9	56.0	48.1	49.8	50.8	51.3	52.9
Percent of Labor Force	7.1	7.2	7.6	8.2	8.3	8.2	7.9	8.6	7.4	7.6	7.8	7.8	8.1
Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment 2/	515.6	513.9	519.1	519.6	517.0	514.4	511.9	507.3	507.2	509.7	512.7	519.4	520.2
Construction	21.4	21.9	23.5	23.4	23.1	22.7	21.8	21.3	21.7	21.0	21.3	21.1	21.7
Manufacturing, Durable Goods	41.0	41.0	41.4	41.4	40.9	40.8	40.9	40.2	40.1	40.1	40.1	40.6	40.9
Manufacturing, Nondurable Goods	51.0	50.2	51.5	51.2	50.9	51.5	51.1	51.1	51.0	51.5	51.1	51.6	51.4
Transportation and Public Utilities	21.3	21.2	21.7	21.3	21.6	21.4	20.9	20.8	20.5	20.8	20.4	20.4	20.5
Wholesale Trade	23.0	22.9	22.5	22.5	22.4	22.6	22.5	22.0	22.1	21.9	22.2	22.5	22.6
Retail Trade	109.0	108.3	108.1	109.1	107.4	106.8	106.1	103.8	104.0	105.4	106.8	108.5	108.7
Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate	23.9	23.9	24.0	24.0	23.9	23.9	24.3	24.3	24.2	24.5	24.3	24.7	24.8
Services	130.3	130.0	131.4	131.2	130.9	30.1	129.9	129.7	130.3	130.5	132.9	135.7	135.8
Government	94.6	94.4	94.9	95.4	95.8	94.6	94.4	94.0	93.2	94.0	93.5	94.2	93.7

1/ Place of residence. 2/ Place of work.

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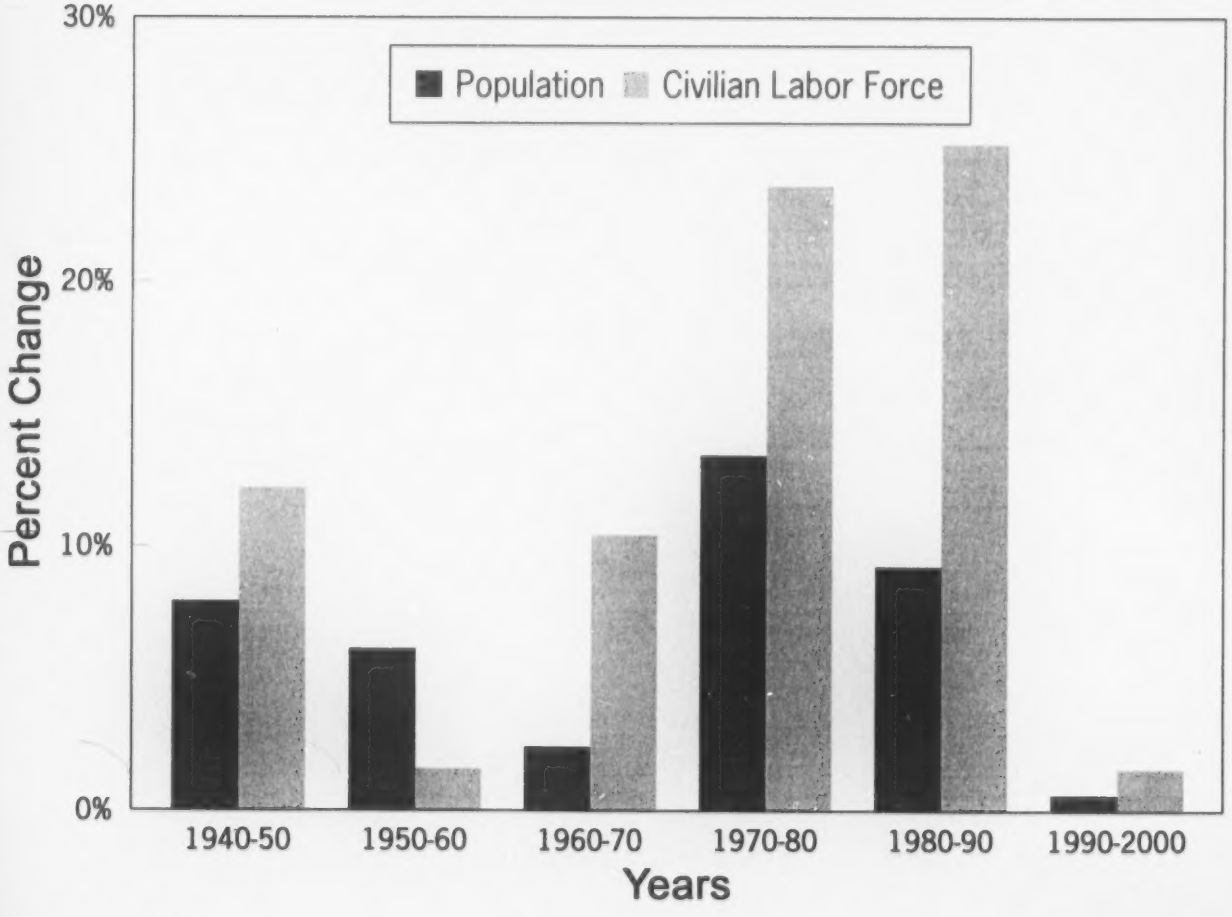

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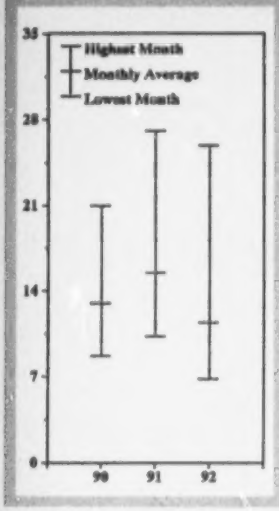

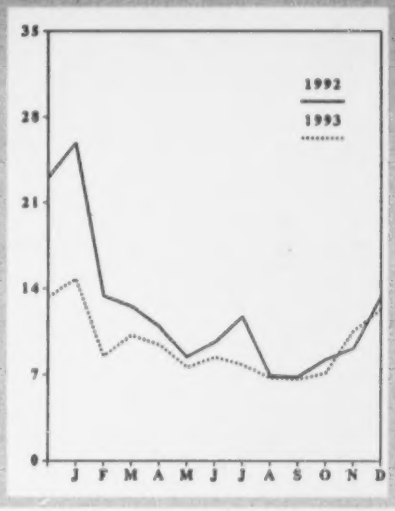

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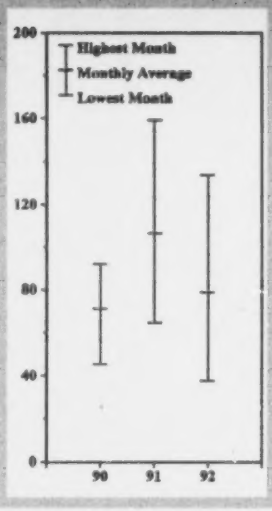

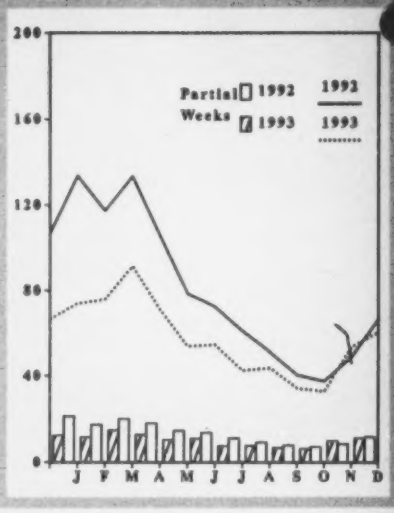

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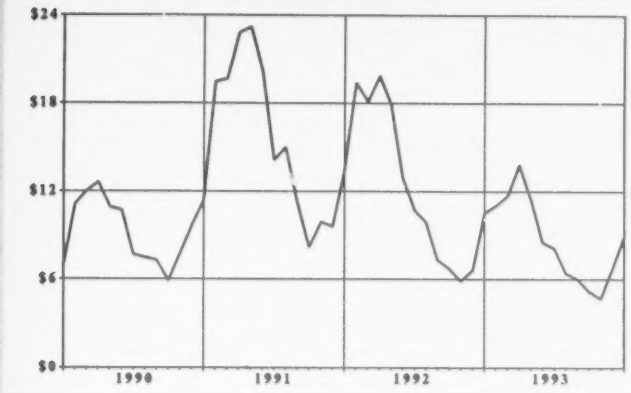
Selected Employment Security Activities

Unemployment Insurance Benefit Payments

In Millions

(Total includes Maine's Portion of Extended Benefits)



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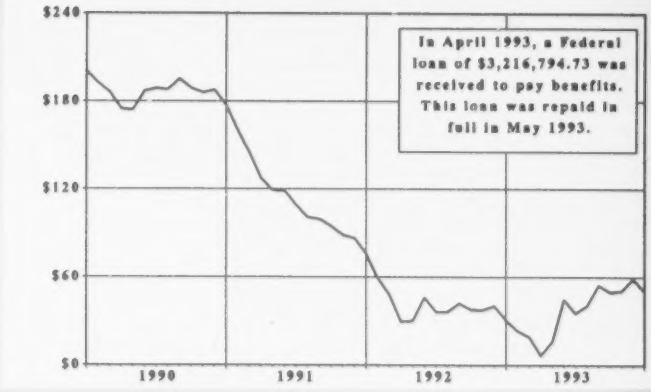


Earnings and Workweek of Production Workers in Manufacturing Industries

AREA AND INDUSTRY	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS			ANNUAL AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	1990	1991	1992
STATEWIDE												
Manufacturing	$485.55	$480.05	$466.97	41.5	41.1	40.5	$11.70	$11.68	$11.53	$10.58	$11.08	$11.38
Durable Goods	477.51	469.61	452.57	41.2	40.8	40.3	11.59	11.51	11.23	10.20	10.61	11.14
Lumber and Wood Products	385.56	383.68	380.89	40.5	41.3	41.0	9.52	9.29	9.29	9.10	8.97	9.25
Primary and Fabricated Metals	523.42	524.16	468.78	45.2	46.1	44.1	11.58	11.37	10.63	9.98	10.18	10.45
Industrial Machinery and Equipment	589.19	572.44	567.91	44.3	44.0	42.7	13.30	13.01	13.30	11.63	12.43	12.82
Electronic and Other Electric Equipment	433.65	418.04	404.95	41.3	39.7	38.9	10.50	10.53	10.41	9.69	9.91	10.02
Transportation Equipment	587.16	583.55	558.36	39.7	38.8	39.6	14.79	15.04	14.10	11.68	12.55	14.09
Other Durable Goods	363.60	355.71	325.08	40.9	39.7	37.8	8.89	8.96	8.60	8.11	8.57	8.86
Nondurable Goods	491.23	487.75	479.04	41.7	41.3	40.7	11.78	11.81	11.77	10.93	11.48	11.57
Food and Kindred Products	339.77	338.00	324.80	35.1	36.9	35.0	9.68	9.16	9.28	8.56	8.76	9.15
Textile Mill Products	422.27	421.46	390.87	45.7	42.4	43.0	9.24	9.94	9.09	8.82	8.82	9.03
Apparel and Other Textile Products	282.60	314.11	257.40	36.0	38.4	33.0	7.85	8.18	7.80	7.38	7.28	7.65
Paper and Allied Products	753.87	740.96	738.01	45.8	44.0	45.5	16.46	16.84	16.22	15.16	16.06	16.25
Leather and Leather Products	319.95	323.21	308.70	39.5	40.2	38.3	8.10	8.04	8.06	7.44	7.82	7.92
Other Nondurable Goods	428.86	422.91	410.15	41.0	40.9	39.4	10.46	10.34	10.41	9.62	9.85	10.07
PORTLAND MSA												
Manufacturing	429.66	420.42	403.20	39.6	39.0	38.4	10.85	10.78	10.50	10.63	10.45	10.55
LEWISTON.AUBURN MSA												
Manufacturing	437.47	436.00	375.20	43.4	43.6	40.0	10.08	10.00	9.38	9.26	9.33	9.53

Female Labor Force in Maine

in Thousands

ITEM[1/]	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Labor Force	296.6	302.8	306.7
Unemployment	16.6	21.5	21.4
(Percent)	5.6%	7.1%	7.0%
Resident Employed	280.0	281.3	285.3

U.S. Consumer Price Index

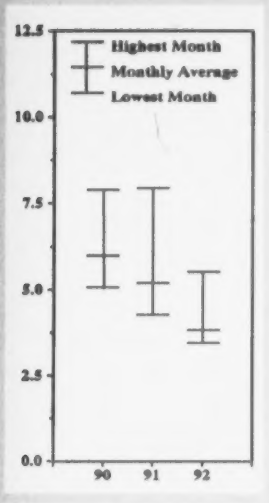
BASE PERIOD	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	Last Dec.
(1982-1984 = 100) All Items (CPI-U)	145.8	145.8	141.9	141.9

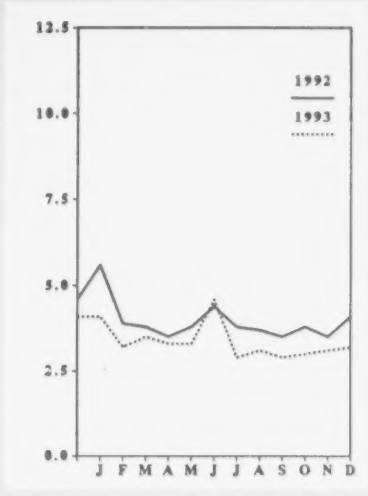
Percent Change for Past Month	+0.0%
Percent Change from Last December	+2.7%
Percent Change from 12 Months Ago	+2.7%

1/ Current figures preliminary; last month and year ago figures revised.
Source: Female labor force estimates are developed by, and solely the responsibility of, the Maine Division of Economic Analysis and Research.

New Applications For Work

In Thousands

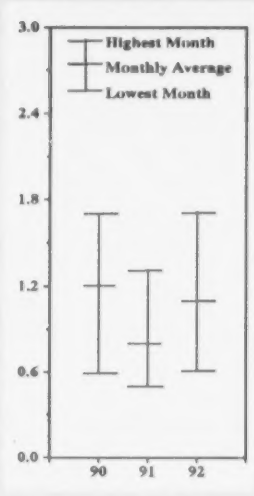


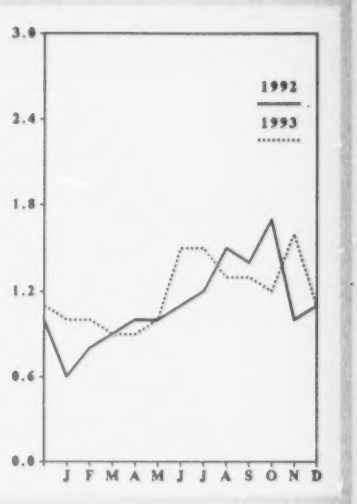


Nonfarm Placements

In Thousands

(Excludes Placements of Less than Three Days Duration)





Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment by Place of Work (in Thousands)

ITEM	STATEWIDE			PORTLAND MSA			LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA		
	THIS MONTH	LAST MONTH	YEAR AGO	THIS MONTH	LAST MONTH	YEAR AGO	THIS MONTH	LAST MONTH	YEAR AGO
Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment 1/	522.7	526.3	516.6	126.3	127.4	124.8	40.1	40.1	38.2
Goods Producing	114.8	116.4	114.0	17.7	18.8	17.4	9.7	9.8	9.3
Construction and Mining	21.8	23.0	21.7	5.3	5.7	5.0	1.5	1.5	1.5
Building Construction	5.6	5.5	5.3	1.3	1.3	1.1	n/a	n/a	n/a
Special Trade Contractors	12.0	12.9	12.3	3.5	3.7	3.4	n/a	n/a	n/a
Manufacturing	93.0	93.4	92.3	12.4	13.1	12.4	8.2	8.3	7.8
Durable Goods	41.4	41.8	41.8	5.0	5.6	5.2	2.2	2.2	2.2
Lumber and Wood Products	11.0	11.1	11.0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Primary and Fabricated Metals	3.2	3.2	3.3	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Industrial Machinery and Equipment	4.0	4.0	3.6	1.0	1.0	1.0	n/a	n/a	n/a
Electronic and other Elect. Equip.	6.6	6.6	6.8	2.0	2.0	2.2	n/a	n/a	n/a
Transportation Equipment	12.2	12.3	12.8	(d)	(d)	(d)	n/a	n/a	n/a
Other Durable Goods 2/	4.4	4.6	4.3	2.0	2.6	2.0	n/a	n/a	n/a
Nondurable Goods	51.6	51.6	50.5	7.4	7.5	7.2	6.0	6.1	5.6
Food and Kindred Products	6.6	6.7	6.5	2.0	2.0	1.9	n/a	n/a	n/a
Textile Mill Products	5.5	5.3	5.2	(d)	(d)	(d)	n/a	n/a	n/a
Apparel and Other Textile Products	3.2	3.2	2.9	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Paper and Allied Products	16.3	16.2	16.6	(d)	(d)	(d)	n/a	n/a	n/a
Printing and Publishing	5.3	5.3	5.2	1.5	1.5	1.5	n/a	n/a	n/a
Rubber and Misc. Plastic Products	3.1	3.0	2.9	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Leather and Leather Products	10.3	10.4	9.8	1.3	1.3	1.1	1.7	1.8	1.5
Footwear (except Rubber)	8.4	8.5	8.1	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Other Nondurable Goods 3/	1.3	1.5	1.4	2.6	2.7	2.7	4.3	4.3	4.1
Service Producing	407.9	409.9	402.6	108.6	108.6	107.4	30.4	30.3	28.9
Transportation and Public Utilities	20.8	20.6	21.3	5.7	5.6	5.7	1.4	1.4	1.4
Wholesale Trade	22.5	22.6	22.9	8.4	8.4	8.3	2.0	2.0	1.9
Retail Trade	110.3	110.6	110.1	31.7	31.7	31.9	9.2	9.0	8.6
General Merchandise Stores	12.6	12.7	12.8	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Food Stores	18.9	18.8	18.3	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Eating and Drinking Places	31.6	32.8	31.0	7.6	7.8	7.5	n/a	n/a	n/a
Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate	24.4	24.6	23.8	11.8	11.7	11.6	2.0	2.0	2.0
Banking	8.8	8.8	8.7	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Insurance Carriers, Brokers and Agents	10.7	10.7	10.7	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Services	133.4	133.7	127.0	34.4	34.4	32.9	11.4	11.5	10.5
Hotels and Other Lodging Places	8.0	8.6	6.8	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Business Services	13.6	13.4	13.2	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Health Services	48.8	48.9	47.9	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Federal Government	14.5	15.0	16.2	2.1	2.1	2.2	0.3	0.3	0.3
State Government	28.1	28.7	27.7	5.0	5.0	4.8	0.7	0.7	0.7
Local Government	53.9	54.1	53.6	9.5	9.7	10.0	3.4	3.4	3.5
Involved in Labor-Management Disputes	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

1/ Employment figures relate to full- and part-time wage and salary workers in pay periods including the 12th of the month. Domestic workers in private households, proprietors, self-employed, and unpaid family workers are excluded. 2/ Includes Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) codes: Statewide - 25, 32, 38, 39; Portland - 24, 25, 32, 33, 34, 37, 38, 39. 3/ Includes SIC codes: Statewide - 28, 29; Portland - 20, 22, 23, 26, 30; Lewiston - 20, 22, 23, 26, 27. 4/ Regular teachers are included in summer months whether or not specifically paid in those months. n/a - data not available in sufficient detail for publication. * Less than 50. (d) Nondisclosure item. Source: Nonfarm wage and salary employment by place of work and earnings, and workweek of production workers in manufacturing industries are developed by the Maine Division of Economic Analysis and Research in cooperation with the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Labor Force, Employment and Unemployment

AREA 1/	LABOR FORCE 2/			RESIDENT EMPLOYED			UNEMPLOYMENT Number			UNEMPLOYMENT Percent of Labor Force		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
MAINE-STATEWIDE(000)	636.6	643.1	655.5	587.0	591.5	607.7	49.6	51.6	47.8	7.8	8.0	7.3
MAJOR LABOR MARKET												
Bangor MSA	48,000	48,400	47,700	45,000	45,200	45,100	3,000	3,200	2,600	6.3	6.6	5.4
Lewiston-Auburn MSA	44,500	44,400	45,100	40,700	40,600	41,100	3,700	3,800	4,000	8.4	8.6	8.9
Portland MSA	134,800	135,000	139,900	128,100	128,000	133,500	6,700	7,000	6,400	5.0	5.2	4.6
Portsmouth-Dover-Rochester MSA	n/a	n/a	140,500	n/a	n/a	133,580	n/a	n/a	6,920	n/a	n/a	4.9
OTHER LABOR MARKETS												
Augusta	35,560	36,080	37,340	33,150	33,620	34,950	2,410	2,460	2,390	6.8	6.8	6.4
Bath-Brunswick	30,950	30,980	32,980	29,360	29,200	31,340	1,590	1,770	1,640	5.1	5.7	5.0
Belfast	12,520	12,970	12,660	10,980	11,380	11,200	1,550	1,580	1,460	12.3	12.2	11.5
Biddeford	26,730	27,110	27,750	24,380	24,780	25,490	2,350	2,330	2,260	8.8	8.6	8.1
Boothbay Harbor-Wiscasset	15,820	16,560	15,860	14,790	15,500	14,840	1,030	1,070	1,020	6.5	6.4	6.4
Calais-Eastport	16,350	16,350	16,480	14,150	14,320	14,700	2,200	2,030	1,770	13.5	12.4	10.8
Caribou-Presque Isle	21,680	21,890	22,460	18,950	19,010	19,930	2,730	2,880	2,530	12.6	13.2	11.2
Central Penobscot	3,580	3,720	3,600	3,210	3,320	3,320	380	400	280	10.5	10.8	7.8
Dover-Foxcroft	6,980	7,120	7,440	6,390	6,430	6,790	600	680	640	8.6	9.6	8.7
Ellsworth	25,440	26,420	25,920	22,770	23,790	23,530	2,680	2,640	2,390	10.5	10.0	9.2
Farmington	14,160	14,070	14,790	12,970	12,850	13,670	1,190	1,220	1,130	8.4	8.7	7.6
Fort Kent-Allagash	5,830	5,800	6,030	5,250	5,230	5,460	580	560	570	9.9	9.7	9.5
Greenville	1,180	1,170	1,330	1,030	1,030	1,170	150	140	160	12.9	11.7	12.0
Houlton	6,810	6,910	7,000	6,300	6,340	6,530	520	570	470	7.6	8.3	6.7
Kittery-York 3/	30,170	30,330	31,400	28,880	29,020	29,920	1,290	1,310	1,480	4.3	4.3	4.7
Lincoln-Howland	5,260	5,320	5,580	4,670	4,670	5,100	590	660	480	11.3	12.3	8.6
Livermore Falls	5,890	6,030	6,110	5,370	5,500	5,560	520	530	550	8.9	8.8	9.0
Madawaska-Van Buren	4,190	4,150	4,490	3,730	3,700	4,070	460	440	420	10.9	10.7	9.3
Millinocket-East Millinocket	4,020	4,020	4,130	3,650	3,640	3,810	380	380	320	9.3	9.5	7.8
Norway-Paris	12,540	12,940	12,770	11,220	11,610	11,430	1,320	1,330	1,340	10.5	10.3	10.5
Patten-Island Falls	2,700	2,780	2,800	2,440	2,460	2,550	260	320	250	9.5	11.6	8.9
Rockland	20,060	20,750	20,020	18,800	19,080	18,720	1,260	1,670	1,300	6.3	8.1	6.5
Rumford	9,300	9,110	9,910	8,340	8,000	9,020	960	1,110	890	10.4	12.2	8.9
Sanford	16,600	16,890	17,380	14,900	15,140	15,630	1,700	1,740	1,760	10.2	10.3	10.1
Sebago Lakes Region	12,030	12,370	12,640	11,060	11,230	11,710	980	1,130	940	8.1	9.2	7.4
Skowhegan	26,080	26,560	25,780	23,220	23,600	23,060	2,870	2,950	2,720	11.0	11.1	10.5
Southwest Penobscot	11,000	11,200	11,060	9,620	9,640	9,600	1,380	1,560	1,460	12.6	13.9	13.2
Waterville	25,850	25,690	27,080	23,650	23,590	24,930	2,200	2,090	2,150	8.5	8.2	7.9
OTHER NEW ENGLAND STATES (000)												
Connecticut	n/a	n/a	1,767.1	n/a	n/a	1,642.7	n/a	n/a	124.4	n/a	n/a	7.0
Massachusetts	3,132.0	3,140.0	3,135.0	2,950.0	2,948.0	2,887.0	181.0	192.0	248.0	5.8	6.1	7.9
New Hampshire	n/a	n/a	644.3	n/a	n/a	598.7	n/a	n/a	45.6	n/a	n/a	7.1
Rhode Island	n/a	n/a	521.7	n/a	n/a	483.6	n/a	n/a	38.1	n/a	n/a	7.3
Vermont	n/a	n/a	326.2	n/a	n/a	307.0	n/a	n/a	19.3	n/a	n/a	5.9
NEW ENGLAND STATES (000)	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
UNITED STATES (000)	128,401	128,521	126,902	120,636	120,632	118,073	7,764	7,890	8,829	6.0	6.1	7.0

Footnotes

1/ Labor force, employment, and unemployment data for all areas are by place of residence and are not seasonally adjusted. Estimates made independently for each labor market area have been benchmarked to and extrapolated from the Current Population Survey estimates for the state. All data exclude members of the Armed Forces. Data are rounded for publishing purposes. Employment and unemployment may not add to labor force due to rounding. MSA - Metropolitan Statistical Area. n/a indicates that the information was not available at the time of printing.

2/ Current estimates preliminary. Last month and year ago estimates revised.

3/ Kittery-York is the eight-town Maine portion of the Portsmouth-Dover-Rochester MSA which includes towns in both Maine and New Hampshire.

Source: These data are developed by the Maine Division of Economic Analysis and Research in cooperation with the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Mid-Month Insured Unemployment

ITEM	STATEWIDE			PORTLAND MSA			LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Number of continued-week claimants*	12,534	10,532	13,169	1,766	1,558	1,822	846	712	1,037

Continued-week claimants are less partials for week including the 12th of the month.

Civilian Labor Force and Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment in Maine

Seasonally Adjusted in Thousands

ITEM	Dec	1993 Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct.	Nov	Dec
Civilian Labor Force 1/	659.9	662.0	654.0	657.4	652.1	652.6	652.6	647.1	654.8	654.7	660.5	649.8	640.0
Resident Employment	612.3	611.6	600.7	602.9	598.9	600.8	596.4	599.0	605.0	603.9	609.2	596.9	590.0
Unemployment	47.6	50.5	53.3	54.5	53.3	51.9	56.0	48.1	49.8	50.8	51.3	53.0	50.0
Percent of Labor Force	7.2	7.6	8.2	8.3	8.2	7.9	8.6	7.4	7.6	7.8	7.8	8.2	7.8
Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment 2/	515.9	519.1	519.6	517.0	514.4	511.9	507.3	507.2	509.7	512.7	519.4	520.1	520.3
Construction	21.9	23.5	23.4	23.1	22.7	21.8	21.3	21.7	21.0	21.3	21.1	21.7	22.1
Manufacturing, Durable Goods	41.0	41.4	41.4	40.9	40.8	40.9	40.2	40.1	40.1	40.1	40.6	40.9	40.6
Manufacturing, Nondurable Goods	50.2	51.5	51.2	50.9	51.5	51.1	51.1	51.0	51.5	51.1	51.6	51.3	51.3
Transportation and Public Utilities	21.2	21.7	21.3	21.6	21.4	20.9	20.8	20.5	20.8	20.4	20.4	20.5	20.7
Wholesale Trade	22.9	22.5	22.5	22.4	22.6	22.5	22.0	22.1	21.9	22.2	22.5	22.6	22.6
Retail Trade	108.3	108.1	109.1	107.4	106.8	106.1	103.8	104.0	105.4	106.8	108.5	108.8	108.5
Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate	23.9	24.0	24.0	23.9	23.9	24.3	24.3	24.2	24.5	24.3	24.7	24.8	24.5
Services	130.0	131.4	131.2	130.9	30.1	129.9	129.7	130.3	130.5	132.9	135.7	135.7	136.4
Government	94.4	94.9	95.4	95.8	94.6	94.4	94.0	93.2	94.0	93.5	94.2	93.7	93.4

1/ Place of residence. 2/ Place of work.

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Maine Labor Market Areas Are Redefined

Every ten years, in conjunction with the decennial Census, The U.S. Office of Management and Budget redefines the nation's metropolitan areas based on commuting patterns and population density. At the same time, the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, directs the redefinition of nonmetropolitan labor market areas in every state. The nonmetropolitan labor market areas are redefined primarily based on commuting patterns from the 1990 Census.

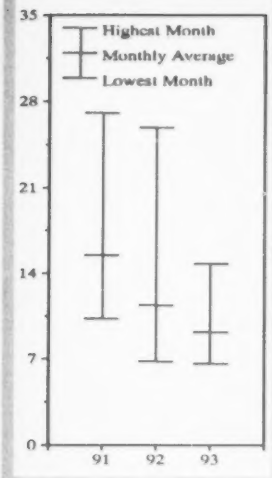
The metropolitan and nonmetropolitan areas (LMAs) in Maine were redefined, with the number of LMAs increasing from 31 to 35. In the process of redefining the LMAs, seven LMAs were added, three LMAs were deleted, and most of the remaining LMAs had minor civil divisions added or deleted. The new LMAs are Bucksport, Calais, Dexter-Pittsfield, Jonesport-Milbridge, Machias-Eastport, Outer Bangor, and Van Buren. The deleted LMAs are Central Penobscot, Livermore Falls, and Southwest Penobscot.

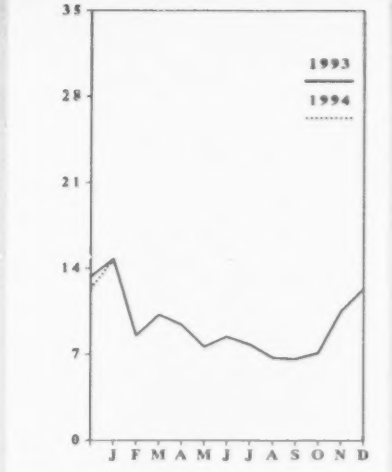
The Division of Economic Analysis and Research develops civilian labor force estimates (employment, unemployment, and unemployment rate) for all LMAs, counties, and minor civil divisions in Maine. Labor force estimates for the redefined LMAs will be published monthly commencing with estimates for January 1994. Historical labor force estimates based on the redefined LMAs will be available by month for January 1990 through December 1993.

Located on page two are the names and phone numbers of the District Managers for Labor Market Information and the labor market areas and counties for which they are responsible. Please call the appropriate District Manager if you have a question concerning what labor market area a town is in, or need local labor market information. For questions concerning the metholdology of defining LMAs, please contact Roger Carpentter at 207-287-2271.

by Dana Evans
State Labor Economist

UI Initial Claims
in Thousands





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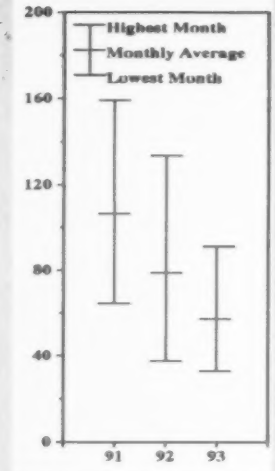


District Managers for Labor Market Information

Eva Smith, District Manager — Southern District, Portland - 822-0216

Portland MSA
Sebago Lakes Region LMA
Sanford LMA
Kittery-York LMA

Cumberland County
York County

Alan Cox, District Manager — Central District, Augusta - 624-5190

Augusta LMA
Waterville LMA
Skowhegan LMA
Dover-Foxcroft LMA
Greenville LMA

Kennebec County
Somerset County
Piscataquis County

Ken Bridges, District Manager — Coastal District, Augusta - 287-2271

Boothbay Harbor LMA
Rockland LMA
Belfast LMA
Jonesport-Milbridge LMA
Machias-Eastport LMA
Calais LMA

Lincoln County
Knox County
Waldo County
Washington County

Gerard Dennison, District Manager — Western District, Lewiston - 783-5314

Lewiston-Auburn MSA
Bath-Brunswick LMA
Norway-Paris LMA
Rumford LMA
Farmington LMA

Androscoggin County
Franklin County
Oxford County
Sagadahoc County

Craig Holland, District Manager — North/East District, Bangor - 941-3076

Bangor MSA
Outer Bangor LMA
Dexter-Pittsfield LMA
Lincoln-Howland LMA
Millinocket-E. Millinocket LMA
Bucksport LMA
Stonington LMA
Ellsworth-Bar Harbor LMA

Fort Kent LMA
Madawaska LMA
Van Buren LMA
Presque Isle-Caribou LMA
Houlton LMA
Patten-Island Falls LMA

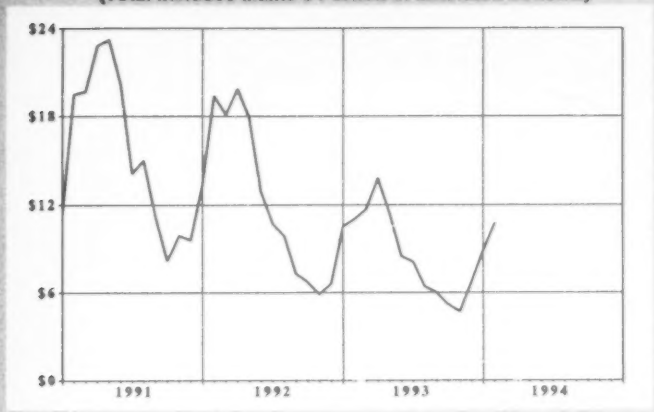
Aroostook County
Penobscot County
Hancock County

Selected Employment Security Activities

Unemployment Insurance Benefit Payments

In Millions

(Total includes Maine's Portion of Extended Benefits)



Unemployment Compensation Fund Balance

In Millions

(End of Month)

Earnings and Workweek of Production Workers in Manufacturing Industries

AREA AND INDUSTRY	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS This Month	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS Last Month	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS Year Ago	AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS This Month	AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS Last Month	AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS Year Ago	AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS This Month	AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS Last Month	AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS Year Ago	ANNUAL AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS 1991	1992	1993
STATEWIDE												
Manufacturing	$482.10	$488.64	$459.20	41.1	41.8	40.0	$11.73	$11.69	$11.48	$11.08	$11.38	$11.63
Durable Goods	484.30	483.53	450.64	40.8	41.9	40.2	11.87	11.54	11.21	10.61	11.14	11.43
Lumber and Wood Products	388.82	3870.95	376.99	40.8	40.1	40.8	9.53	9.50	9.24	8.97	9.25	9.33
Primary and Fabricated Metals	478.34	524.40	468.86	42.9	45.6	44.4	11.15	11.50	10.56	10.18	10.45	11.00
Industrial Machinery and Equipment	586.72	587.86	528.03	43.3	44.3	40.4	13.55	13.27	13.07	12.43	12.82	13.32
Electronic and Other Electric Equipment	419.45	444.35	393.90	40.1	42.4	39.0	10.46	10.48	10.10	9.91	10.02	10.33
Transportation Equipment	628.00	607.13	571.13	40.0	41.9	39.8	15.70	14.49	14.35	12.55	14.09	14.64
Other Durable Goods	364.00	365.86	323.94	40.4	41.2	38.2	9.01	8.88	8.48	8.57	8.86	8.89
Nondurable Goods	479.91	492.48	466.83	41.3	41.7	39.9	11.62	11.81	11.70	11.48	11.57	11.79
Food and Kindred Products	346.20	338.98	342.06	36.1	35.2	37.1	9.59	9.63	9.22	8.76	9.15	9.34
Textile Mill Products	421.82	421.74	383.11	45.9	45.3	40.8	9.19	9.31	9.39	8.82	9.03	9.49
Apparel and Other Textile Products	285.43	282.60	253.23	36.5	36.0	30.4	7.82	7.85	8.33	7.28	7.65	7.95
Paper and Allied Products	718.59	752.68	705.43	44.8	45.7	44.2	16.04	16.47	15.96	16.06	16.25	16.63
Leather and Leather Products	326.09	318.70	303.11	39.1	39.2	37.7	8.34	8.13	8.04	7.82	7.92	8.00
Other Nondurable Goods	413.03	428.86	395.52	39.6	41.0	38.4	10.43	10.46	10.30	9.85	10.07	10.28
PORTLAND MSA												
Manufacturing	421.68	429.95	400.40	38.3	39.7	38.5	11.01	10.83	10.40	10.45	10.55	10.68
LEWISTON.AUBURN MSA												
Manufacturing	413.97	433.16	379.71	41.9	43.1	38.2	9.88	10.05	9.94	9.33	9.53	9.82

Female Labor Force in Maine

In Thousands

ITEM[1/]	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Labor Force	285.1	286.6	286.4
Unemployment	27.9	15.9	21.1
(Percent)	9.8%	5.6%	7.4%
Resident Employed	257.2	270.7	265.2

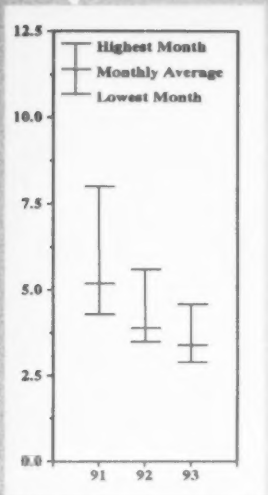
1/ Current figures preliminary; last month and year ago figures revised.
Source: Female labor force estimates are developed by, and solely the responsibility of, the Maine Division of Economic Analysis and Research.

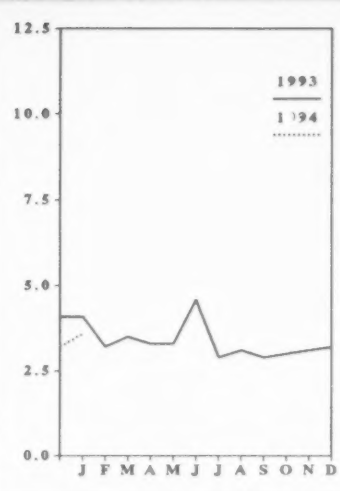
U.S. Consumer Price Index

BASE PERIOD (1982-1984 = 100) All Items (CPI-U)	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	Last Dec.
	146.2	145.8	142.6	145.8

Percent Change for Past Month	+0.3%
Percent Change from Last December	+0.3%
Percent Change from 12 Months Ago	+2.5%

New Applications For Work
In Thousands





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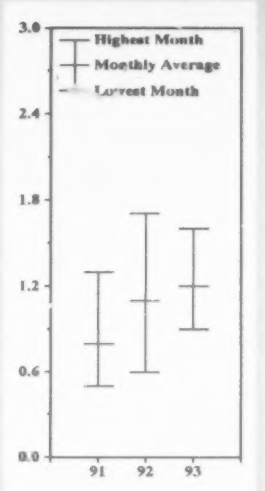

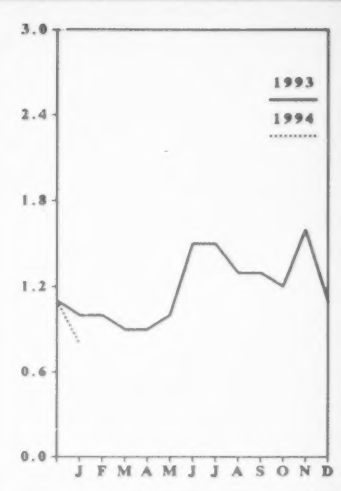

Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment by Place of Work (in Thousands)

ITEM	STATEWIDE			PORTLAND MSA			LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA		
	THIS MONTH	LAST MONTH	YEAR AGO	THIS MONTH	LAST MONTH	YEAR AGO	THIS MONTH	LAST MONTH	YEAR AGO
Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment 1/	508.0	525.5	493.5	123.9	129.2	119.9	39.0	41.2	38.2
Goods Producing	110.7	114.0	107.5	18.1	18.3	18.5	9.6	9.8	9.4
Construction and Mining	19.4	21.5	17.9	5.0	5.3	5.0	1.4	1.6	1.4
Building Construction	4.7	5.2	4.6	1.1	1.3	1.1	n/a	n/a	n/a
Special Trade Contractors	11.4	12.3	9.9	3.4	3.5	3.3	n/a	n/a	n/a
Manufacturing	91.3	92.5	89.6	13.1	13.0	13.5	8.2	8.2	8.0
Durable Goods	40.9	41.4	40.6	5.7	5.4	5.9	2.2	2.2	2.3
Lumber and Wood Products	11.0	11.1	10.6	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Primary and Fabricated Metals	3.3	3.3	3.3	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Industrial Machinery and Equipment	4.1	4.1	3.6	1.3	1.2	1.2	n/a	n/a	n/a
Electronic and other Elect. Equip.	6.7	6.7	6.9	1.9	1.9	2.1	n/a	n/a	n/a
Transportation Equipment	12.1	12.1	12.4	(d)	(d)	(d)	n/a	n/a	n/a
Other Durable Goods 2/	3.7	4.1	3.8	2.5	2.3	2.6	n/a	n/a	n/a
Nondurable Goods	50.4	51.1	49.0	7.4	7.6	7.6	6.0	6.0	5.7
Food and Kindred Products	6.5	6.6	6.3	1.8	2.0	2.0	n/a	n/a	n/a
Textile Mill Products	5.6	5.7	4.9	(d)	(d)	(d)	n/a	n/a	n/a
Apparel and Other Textile Products	2.8	2.9	2.6	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Paper and Allied Products	15.8	16.0	16.2	(d)	(d)	(d)	n/a	n/a	n/a
Printing and Publishing	5.5	5.5	5.1	1.7	1.7	1.6	n/a	n/a	n/a
Rubber and Misc. Plastic Products	3.1	3.1	2.9	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Leather and Leather Products	9.9	9.9	9.8	1.3	1.3	1.1	1.7	1.7	1.6
Footwear (except Rubber)	8.1	8.1	8.0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Other Nondurable Goods 3/	1.2	1.4	1.2	2.6	2.6	2.9	4.3	4.3	4.1
Service Producing	397.3	411.5	386.0	105.8	110.9	101.4	29.4	31.4	28.8
Transportation and Public Utilities	21.2	21.8	21.2	5.7	5.9	5.9	1.4	1.5	1.3
Wholesale Trade	23.1	23.4	22.5	8.8	8.8	8.5	1.9	2.0	1.9
Retail Trade	102.5	109.4	97.7	28.8	31.8	27.6	8.4	9.6	8.0
General Merchandise Stores	11.5	12.3	11.0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Food Stores	18.2	18.7	17.9	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Eating and Drinking Places	28.8	30.8	27.6	7.9	8.2	7.2	n/a	n/a	n/a
Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate	25.7	25.8	24.9	12.1	12.1	11.8	2.0	2.0	1.9
Banking	8.9	8.9	8.8	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Insurance Carriers, Brokers and Agents	11.7	11.7	11.3	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Services	132.3	134.5	123.9	33.9	34.8	32.1	11.0	11.5	10.9
Hotels and Other Lodging Places	6.5	8.0	5.9	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Business Services	13.7	14.0	12.0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Health Services	49.4	49.4	48.1	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Federal Government	15.1	15.1	16.6	2.0	2.0	1.9	0.3	0.3	0.3
State Government	24.9	27.5	26.2	4.3	5.0	4.0	0.7	0.7	0.7
Local Government	52.5	54.0	53.0	10.2	10.5	9.6	3.7	3.8	3.8
Involved in Labor-Management Disputes	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

1/ Employment figures relate to full- and part-time wage and salary workers in pay periods including the 12th of the month. Domestic workers in private households, proprietors, self-employed, and unpaid family workers are excluded. 2/ Includes Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) codes: Statewide - 25, 32, 38, 39; Portland - 24, 25, 32, 33, 34, 37, 38, 39. 3/ Includes SIC codes: Statewide - 28, 29; Portland - 20, 22, 23, 26, 30; Lewiston - 20, 22, 23, 26, 27. 4/ Regular teachers are included in summer months whether or not specifically paid in those months. n/a - data not available in sufficient detail for publication. * Less than 50. (d) Nondisclosure item. Source: Nonfarm wage and salary employment by place of work and earnings, and workweek of production workers in manufacturing industries are developed by the Maine Division of Economic Analysis and Research in cooperation with the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Labor Force, Employment and Unemployment

Area 1/	LABOR FORCE 2/ This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	RESIDENT EMPLOYED This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	UNEMPLOYMENT Number This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	UNEMPLOYMENT Percent of Labor Force This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
MAINE-STATEWIDE (000)	618.4	615.2	629.1	550.4	567.6	573.1	68.0	47.6	55.9	11.0	7.7	8.9
MAJOR LABOR MARKETS												
Bangor MSA	49,000	47,900	48,800	44,900	45,000	45,500	4,100	2,900	3,300	8.4	6.1	6.7
Lewiston-Auburn MSA	50,500	50,700	50,900	45,100	47,000	46,100	5,400	3,700	4,800	10.8	7.3	9.4
Portland MSA	119,600	120,400	120,800	110,400	114,000	113,100	9,200	6,400	7,700	7.7	5.4	6.3
Portsmouth-Rochester MSA	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
OTHER LABOR MARKETS												
Augusta	43,210	42,990	44,770	38,670	39,900	41,090	4,540	3,090	3,680	10.5	7.2	8.2
Bath-Brunswick	32,950	33,400	34,300	30,250	31,590	31,830	2,700	1,810	2,460	8.2	5.4	7.2
Belfast	11,750	11,570	11,610	9,930	10,380	10,270	1,820	1,190	1,340	15.5	10.3	11.6
Biddeford	31,520	31,780	32,880	27,790	29,200	29,620	3,720	2,580	3,260	11.8	8.1	9.9
Boothbay Harbor	7,250	7,280	7,510	6,490	6,720	6,780	750	550	730	10.4	7.6	9.7
Bucksport	5,020	4,770	5,050	4,360	4,350	4,600	650	420	450	13.0	8.7	8.9
Calais	5,340	5,370	5,490	4,380	4,610	4,740	960	760	760	18.0	14.1	13.7
Dexter-Pittsfield	12,680	12,570	12,780	10,670	11,210	11,120	2,010	1,370	1,660	15.8	10.9	13.0
Dover-Foxcroft	7,150	6,910	7,400	6,290	6,330	6,630	860	580	760	12.1	8.4	10.3
Ellsworth-Bar Harbor	16,380	16,280	16,140	13,290	14,290	13,980	3,100	2,000	2,160	18.9	12.3	13.4
Farmington	18,600	18,090	18,470	16,670	16,570	16,850	1,940	1,520	1,620	10.4	8.4	8.8
Fort Kent	3,750	3,810	4,010	3,200	3,350	3,470	550	450	540	14.6	11.9	13.4
Greenville	1,100	1,040	1,030	900	890	880	200	150	150	18.3	14.4	14.3
Houlton	6,340	6,330	6,510	5,540	5,780	5,910	800	550	600	12.6	8.7	9.2
Jonesport-Milbridge	3,510	3,900	3,500	2,770	3,460	2,930	740	440	570	21.0	11.3	16.4
Kittery-York	18,260	18,550	19,110	17,110	17,770	18,140	1,150	780	980	6.3	4.2	5.1
Lincoln-Howland	5,810	5,440	5,950	5,090	4,960	5,460	720	480	490	12.4	8.9	8.2
Machias-Eastport	6,420	6,750	6,390	5,310	5,860	5,590	1,110	890	800	17.2	13.2	12.5
Madawaska	4,100	3,920	4,230	3,480	3,540	3,730	620	390	500	15.2	9.9	11.8
Millinocket-East Millinocket	5,680	5,490	5,890	4,930	4,960	5,350	750	530	540	13.2	9.6	9.2
Norway-Paris	10,290	10,110	10,550	8,890	9,110	9,230	1,410	1,000	1,320	13.7	9.9	12.5
Outer Bangor	7,460	7,260	7,250	6,330	6,530	6,450	1,130	720	800	15.2	10.0	11.1
Patten-Island Falls	1,960	1,940	1,920	1,720	1,770	1,730	240	170	190	12.4	8.8	9.7
Presque Isle-Caribou	21,310	21,220	22,170	17,910	18,640	19,440	3,400	2,570	2,730	15.9	12.1	12.3
Rockland	19,960	20,000	20,520	18,050	18,740	18,850	1,910	1,260	1,670	9.6	6.3	8.1
Rumford	11,440	10,780	11,570	10,200	9,780	10,460	1,240	990	1,110	10.9	9.2	9.6
Sanford	21,810	20,600	21,420	19,200	18,790	19,310	2,620	1,810	2,120	12.0	8.8	9.9
Sebago Lakes Region	12,290	12,050	12,530	10,890	11,130	11,400	1,400	920	1,130	11.4	7.6	9.0
Skowhegan	15,640	15,530	15,980	13,370	13,780	14,110	2,260	1,750	1,870	14.5	11.6	11.7
Stonington	4,540	4,900	4,680	4,020	4,580	4,170	520	310	500	11.4	6.4	10.8
Van Buren	1,540	1,490	1,560	1,250	1,280	1,310	290	220	250	18.7	14.5	15.9
Waterville	24,250	24,060	25,480	21,130	21,770	22,990	3,120	2,290	2,490	12.9	9.5	9.8
NEW ENGLAND STATES (000)												
Connecticut	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Massachusetts	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
New Hampshire	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Rhode Island	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Vermont	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
UNITED STATES (000)	129,393	128,401	126,034	119,901	120,636	116,123	9,492	7,764	9,911	7.3	6.0	7.9

Footnotes

1/ Labor force, employment, and unemployment data for all areas are by place of residence and are not seasonally adjusted. Estimates made independently for each labor market area have been benchmarked to and extrapolated from the Current Population Survey estimates for the state. All data exclude members of the Armed Forces. Data are rounded for publishing purposes. Employment and unemployment may not add to labor force due to rounding. MSA - Metropolitan Statistical Area. n/a indicates that the information was not available at the time of printing.

2/ Current estimates preliminary. Last month and year ago estimates revised.

3/ Kittery-York is the eight-town Maine portion of the Portsmouth-Dover-Rochester MSA which includes towns in both Maine and New Hampshire.

Source: These data are developed by the Maine Division of Economic Analysis and Research in cooperation with the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Mid-Month Insured Unemployment

ITEM	STATEWIDE This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	PORTLAND MSA This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Number of continued-week claimants*	17,570	12,960	17,405	2,487	1,860	2,422	1,383	925	1,409

* Continued-week claimants are less partials for week including the 12th of the month.

Civilian Labor Force and Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment in Maine

Seasonally Adjusted in Thousands

ITEM	1993												1994
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan
Civilian Labor Force 1/	639.5	636.9	635.2	633.9	632.8	631.4	628.1	629.4	627.8	627.6	626.5	624.4	628.0
Resident Employment	591.9	589.4	587.4	584.9	582.9	580.4	578.0	577.1	575.2	575.9	575.1	574.7	568.6
Unemployment	47.6	47.5	47.8	48.9	49.9	51.0	50.1	52.3	52.6	51.6	51.4	49.7	59.4
Percent of Labor Force	7.4	7.5	7.5	7.7	7.9	8.1	8.0	8.3	8.4	8.2	8.2	8.0	9.5
Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment 2/	511.6	514.3	515.8	517.9	519.6	518.9	519.1	520.3	519.8	521.9	522.2	521.6	518.0
Construction	21.5	21.5	21.4	21.0	21.0	20.4	20.8	20.5	20.4	21.1	21.4	21.7	21.4
Manufacturing, Durable Goods	40.5	40.4	40.6	40.5	40.4	40.3	40.3	40.2	40.3	40.5	40.8	40.8	40.6
Manufacturing, Nondurable Goods	49.9	50.1	50.2	50.8	50.9	50.6	50.7	50.9	50.6	51.1	51.0	51.0	50.6
Transportation and Public Utilities	21.8	21.9	22.0	22.1	22.1	22.1	22.0	22.1	22.1	21.6	21.8	21.9	21.5
Wholesale Trade	23.0	23.0	23.1	23.2	23.5	23.1	23.2	23.2	23.3	23.4	23.4	23.3	23.6
Retail Trade	105.9	105.6	105.2	106.5	107.0	106.9	107.0	107.3	108.0	107.9	107.5	106.8	106.3
Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate	25.1	25.1	25.2	25.5	25.6	25.7	25.7	25.9	25.8	25.9	26.1	26.0	25.9
Services	130.1	130.8	132.0	132.7	134.1	134.6	133.3	134.1	135.2	136.3	136.5	136.7	136.0
Government	95.7	95.8	96.0	94.6	95.2	95.1	95.9	95.9	93.9	94.0	93.6	93.3	92.0

1/ Place of residence. 2/ Place of work.

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Maine's Civilian Labor Force Declined in 1993

Between 1992 and 1993, the number of Maine residents in the civilian labor force dropped by 20,000. This decline was an abrupt turnaround from the labor force gains recorded during the previous twelve years. Maine's civilian labor force, the total number of residents employed or unemployed, recorded an average annual increase of 12,000 from 1980 through 1992.

The number of people in the labor force is influenced by two factors: the size of the eligible population and the civilian labor force participation rate. The eligible population consists of Maine's civilian noninstitutional population 16 years of age and older. The civilian labor force participation rate is the civilian labor force as a percent of the eligible population.

During the 1980s both factors contributed to the civilian labor force increasing by 127,000, an average of 12,700 a year. According to the Current Population Survey (CPS), the eligible population increased by 118,000 between 1980 and 1990. A net in-migration of people during the 1980s and the aging of the baby boomers both contributed to the increase in the working age population. At the same time, the civilian labor force participation rate increased from 61.4 percent to 67.6 percent. Most of the gain in the percentage of the eligible population in the labor force was due to an increase in the female participation rate, which rose from 50.3 percent in 1980 to 60.3 percent in 1990. The male participation rate increased by 1.4 percentage points to 75.3 percent.

Thus far in the 1990s, the factors which influence the size of Maine's labor force both reflect the effects of Maine's economic slump. Population growth has slowed substantially. Net in-migration recorded during the 1980s has been replaced by net out-migration because of poor employment prospects. CPS data indicates that the working age population rose by only 12,700 between 1990 and 1993. The participation rate continued to rise through 1992, then recorded a significant decline, falling from 68.6 percent in 1992 to 66.4 percent in 1993 as discouraged Maine residents quit looking for work.

Between 1990 and 1992 the civilian labor force increased by an average of 8,500 a year, a slowdown from the previous ten years. The number of labor force participants in Maine declined from 651,000 in 1992 to 631,000 in 1993 due to a falling participation rate in combination with slow population growth.

by Dana Evans, State Labor Economist

(See related graph on page 2)

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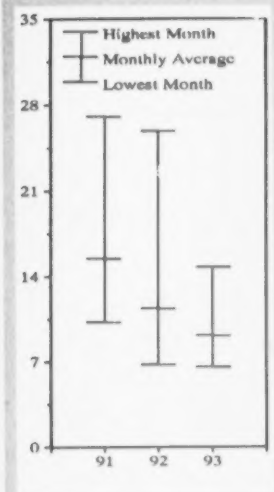
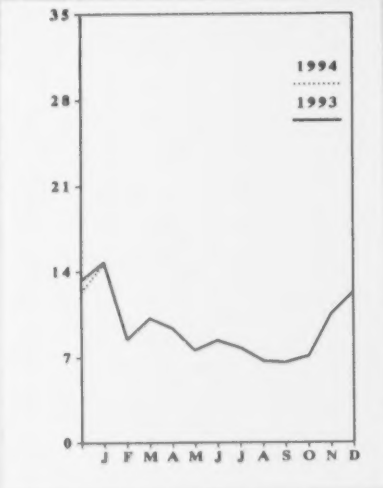
In Thousands





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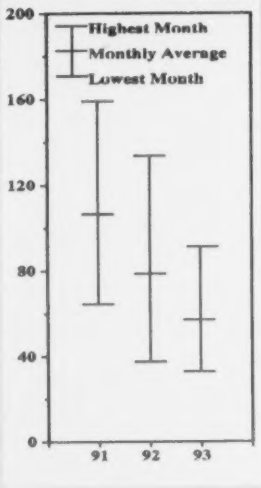
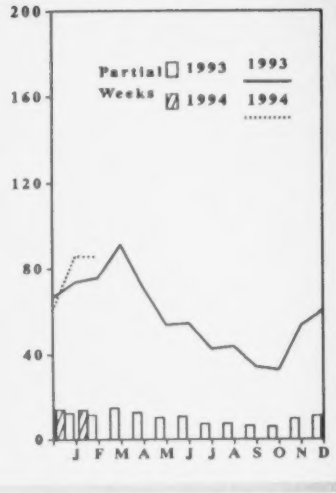
In Thousands





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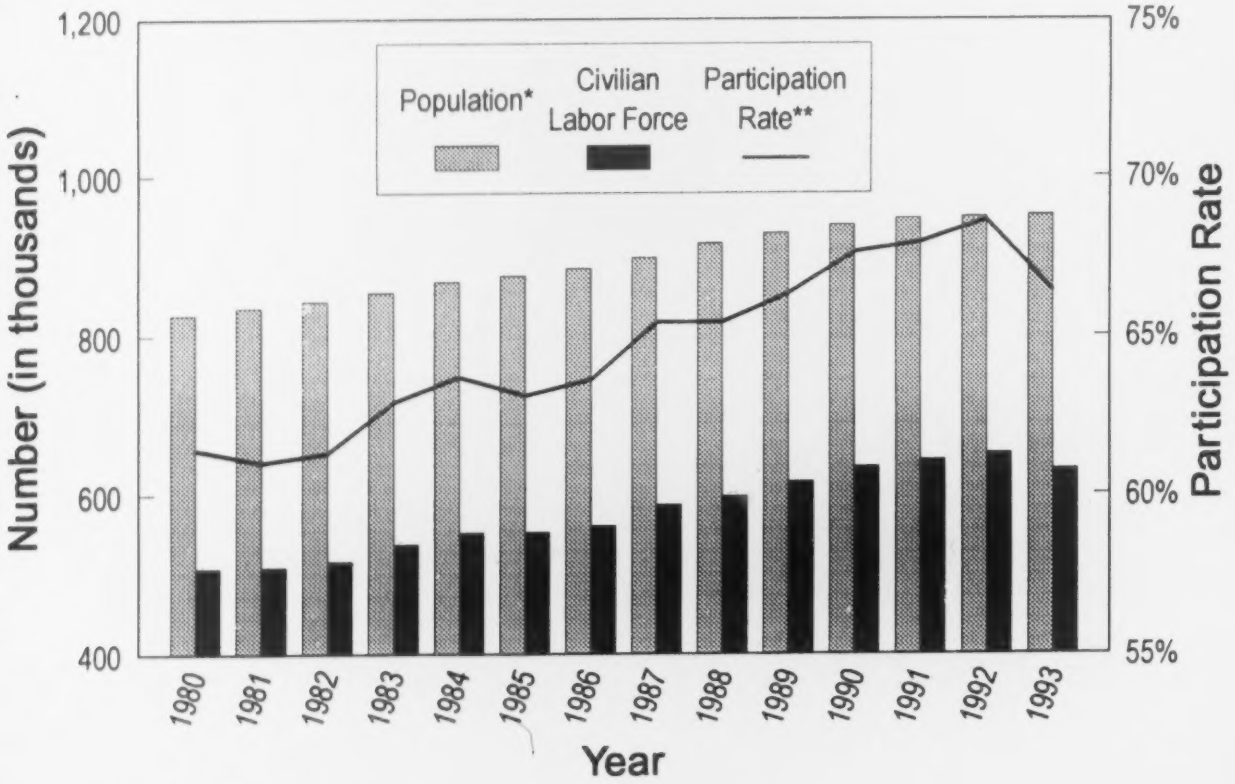


* *Civilian noninstitutional population age 16 and over.*

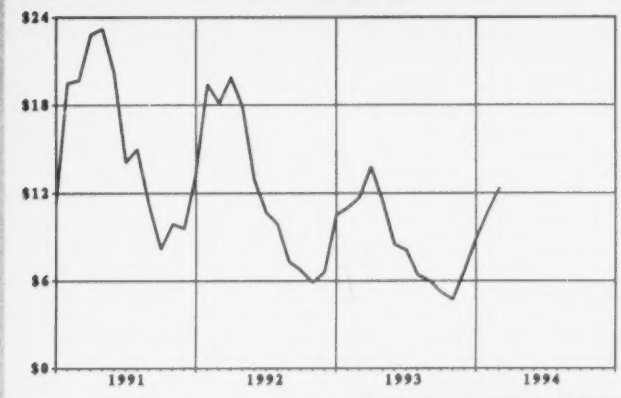
** *Civilian labor force as a percent of the civilian noninstitutional population age 16 and over.*

Selected Employment Security Activities

Unemployment Insurance Benefit Payments

In Millions

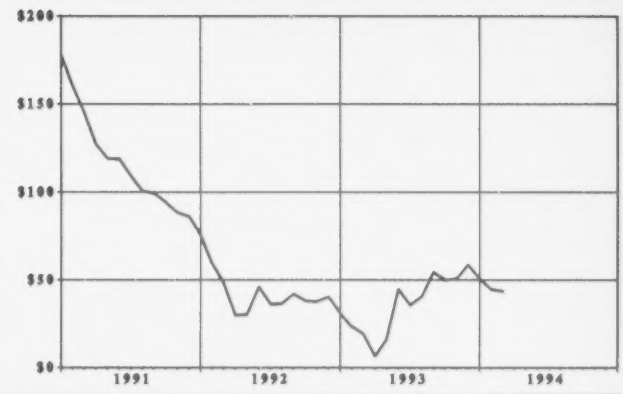
(Total includes Maine's Portion of Extended Benefits)



Unemployment Compensation Fund Balance

In Millions

(End of Month)



Earnings and Workweek of Production Workers in Manufacturing Industries

AREA AND INDUSTRY	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS This Month	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS Last Month	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS Year Ago	AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS This Month	AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS Last Month	AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS Year Ago	AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS This Month	AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS Last Month	AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS Year Ago	ANNUAL AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS 1991	1992	1993
STATEWIDE												
Manufacturing	$480.98	$482.57	$462.35	40.9	41.0	40.1	$11.76	$11.77	$11.53	$11.08	$11.38	$11.63
Durable Goods	477.09	483.52	449.51	40.5	40.7	39.5	11.78	11.88	11.38	10.61	11.14	11.43
Lumber and Wood Products	387.57	387.87	385.52	41.1	40.7	41.1	9.43	9.53	9.38	8.97	9.25	9.33
Primary and Fabricated Metals	468.02	472.07	459.54	41.9	42.3	43.6	11.17	11.16	10.54	10.18	10.45	11.00
Industrial Machinery and Equipment	599.32	586.42	530.52	44.1	43.6	40.1	13.59	13.45	13.23	12.43	12.82	13.32
Electronic and Other Electric Equipment	424.27	414.22	390.20	39.8	39.6	37.7	10.66	10.46	10.35	9.91	10.02	10.33
Transportation Equipment	595.21	628.00	559.56	38.5	40.0	38.3	15.46	15.70	14.61	12.55	14.09	14.64
Other Durable Goods	357.41	368.96	332.14	40.8	40.5	37.7	8.76	9.11	8.81	8.57	8.86	8.89
Nondurable Goods	482.93	481.22	472.99	41.1	41.2	40.6	11.75	11.68	11.65	11.48	11.57	11.79
Food and Kindred Products	332.70	345.24	327.88	36.4	36.0	35.6	9.14	9.59	9.21	8.76	9.15	9.34
Textile Mill Products	427.79	418.15	380.89	45.9	45.5	41.0	9.32	9.19	9.29	8.82	9.03	9.49
Apparel and Other Textile Products	273.00	285.43	267.81	35.0	36.5	32.7	7.80	7.82	8.19	7.28	7.65	7.95
Paper and Allied Products	733.49	722.97	718.46	44.4	44.6	45.3	16.52	16.21	15.86	16.06	16.25	16.63
Leather and Leather Products	321.92	326.09	305.66	38.6	39.1	38.4	8.34	8.34	7.96	7.82	7.92	8.00
Other Nondurable Goods	416.40	414.47	402.98	40.0	39.7	39.2	10.41	10.44	10.28	9.85	10.07	10.28
PORTLAND MSA												
Manufacturing	415.40	422.49	404.07	39.3	38.2	38.3	10.57	11.06	10.55	10.45	10.55	10.68
LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA												
Manufacturing	402.12	410.59	373.63	40.7	41.6	38.4	9.88	9.87	9.73	9.33	9.53	9.82

Female Labor Force in Maine

In Thousands

ITEM[1/]	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Labor Force	299.1	285.1	281.3
Unemployment	23.3	27.9	23.8
(Percent)	7.8%	9.8%	8.5%
Resident Employed	275.8	257.2	257.5

U.S. Consumer Price Index

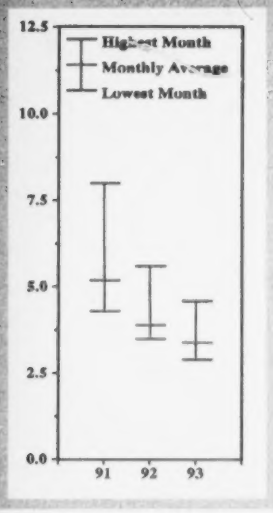
BASE PERIOD (1982-1984 = 100) All Items (CPI-U)	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	Last Dec.
	146.7	146.2	143.1	145.8

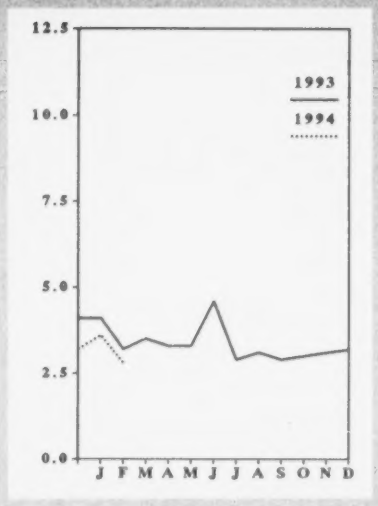
Percent Change for Past Month	+0.3%
Percent Change from Last December	+0.6%
Percent Change from 12 Months Ago	+2.5%

1/ Current figures preliminary; last month and year ago figures revised.

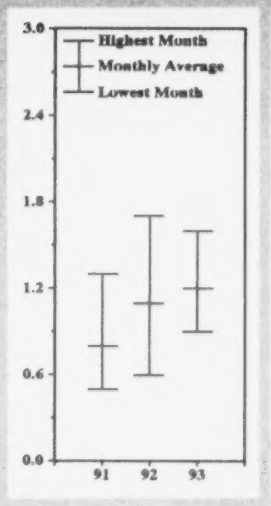
Source: Female labor force estimates are developed by, and solely the responsibility of, the Maine Division of Economic Analysis and Research.

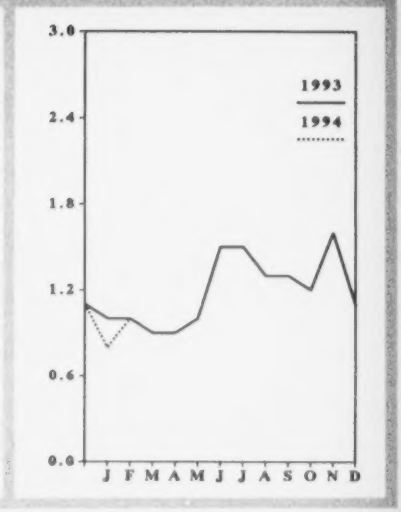
New Applications For Work
In Thousands





Nonfarm Placements
In Thousands
(Excludes Placements of Less than Three Days Duration)





Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment by Place of Work (in Thousands)

ITEM	STATEWIDE THIS MONTH	STATEWIDE LAST MONTH	STATEWIDE YEAR AGO	PORTLAND MSA THIS MONTH	PORTLAND MSA LAST MONTH	PORTLAND MSA YEAR AGO	LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA THIS MONTH	LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA LAST MONTH	LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA YEAR AGO
Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment 1/	508.6	507.7	495.2	125.1	124.2	119.7	39.1	39.0	38.2
Goods Producing	110.0	110.8	106.2	18.4	18.1	18.2	9.4	9.6	9.3
Construction and Mining	18.3	19.5	17.1	5.0	5.0	4.9	1.3	1.4	1.3
Building Construction	4.4	4.7	4.4	1.2	1.1	1.1	n/a	n/a	n/a
Special Trade Contractors	10.7	11.4	9.5	3.3	3.4	3.3	n/a	n/a	n/a
Manufacturing	91.7	91.3	89.1	13.4	13.1	13.3	8.1	8.2	8.0
Durable Goods	41.4	40.9	40.0	5.9	5.7	5.8	2.2	2.2	2.2
Lumber and Wood Products	11.1	11.0	10.5	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Primary and Fabricated Metals	3.3	3.3	3.2	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Industrial Machinery and Equipment	4.1	4.1	3.6	1.3	1.3	1.2	n/a	n/a	n/a
Electronic and other Elect. Equip.	6.7	6.7	6.8	1.9	1.9	2.0	n/a	n/a	n/a
Transportation Equipment	12.6	12.1	12.3	(d)	(d)	(d)	n/a	n/a	n/a
Other Durable Goods 2/	3.6	3.7	3.6	2.7	2.5	2.6	n/a	n/a	n/a
Nondurable Goods	50.3	50.4	49.1	7.5	7.4	7.5	5.9	6.0	5.8
Food and Kindred Products	6.4	6.5	6.1	1.8	1.8	1.9	n/a	n/a	n/a
Textile Mill Products	5.7	5.6	5.1	(d)	(d)	(d)	n/a	n/a	n/a
Apparel and Other Textile Products	2.8	2.8	2.6	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Paper and Allied Products	15.8	15.8	16.2	(d)	(d)	(d)	n/a	n/a	n/a
Printing and Publishing	5.5	5.5	5.1	1.7	1.7	1.6	n/a	n/a	n/a
Rubber and Misc. Plastic Products	3.0	3.1	2.9	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Leather and Leather Products	9.8	9.9	9.8	1.3	1.3	1.2	1.7	1.7	1.7
Footwear (except Rubber)	8.0	8.1	8.0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Other Nondurable Goods 3/	1.3	1.2	1.3	2.7	2.6	2.8	4.2	4.3	4.1
Service Producing	398.6	396.9	389.0	106.7	106.1	101.5	29.7	29.4	28.9
Transportation and Public Utilities	21.0	21.1	21.3	5.7	5.7	5.8	1.4	1.4	1.3
Wholesale Trade	23.0	23.0	22.6	8.7	8.7	8.5	1.8	1.9	1.8
Retail Trade	99.7	102.4	96.5	28.0	28.9	26.6	8.3	8.4	7.8
General Merchandise Stores	10.9	11.4	10.7	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Food Stores	17.6	18.2	17.8	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Eating and Drinking Places	28.4	29.1	27.8	7.8	8.0	7.1	n/a	n/a	n/a
Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate	25.6	25.7	24.9	12.2	12.1	11.8	2.0	2.0	1.9
Banking	8.8	8.9	8.8	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Insurance Carriers, Brokers and Agents	11.7	11.7	11.3	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Services	132.7	132.1	124.9	34.1	34.2	32.3	11.4	11.0	11.2
Hotels and Other Lodging Places	6.6	6.5	5.8	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Business Services	13.7	13.7	12.0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Health Services	49.2	49.3	48.2	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Federal Government	15.1	15.1	16.5	2.0	2.0	1.9	0.3	0.3	0.3
State Government	27.5	24.9	28.0	5.4	4.3	4.7	0.7	0.7	0.7
Local Government	54.0	52.6	54.3	10.6	10.2	9.9	3.8	3.7	3.9
Involved in Labor-Management Disputes	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

1/ Employment figures relate to full- and part-time wage and salary workers in pay periods including the 12th of the month. Domestic workers in private households, proprietors, self-employed, and unpaid family workers are excluded. 2/ Includes Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) codes: Statewide - 25, 32, 38, 39; Portland - 24, 25, 32, 33, 34, 37, 38, 39. 3/ Includes SIC codes: Statewide - 28, 29; Portland - 20, 22, 23, 26, 30; Lewiston - 20, 22, 23, 26, 27. 4/ Regular teachers are included in summer months whether or not specifically paid in those months. n/a - data not available in sufficient detail for publication. * Less than 50. (d) Nondisclosure item. Source: Nonfarm wage and salary employment by place of work and earnings, and workweek of production workers in manufacturing industries are developed by the Maine Division of Economic Analysis and Research in cooperation with the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Labor Force, Employment and Unemployment

Area 1/	LABOR FORCE 2/ This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	RESIDENT EMPLOYED This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	UNEMPLOYMENT Number This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	UNEMPLOYMENT Percent of Labor Force This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
MAINE-STATEWIDE (000)	620.3	618.4	625.0	563.1	550.4	567.3	57.2	68.0	57.7	9.2	11.0	9.2
MAJOR LABOR MARKETS												
Bangor MSA	49,300	48,700	48,600	45,800	44,600	45,100	3,500	4,100	3,500	7.1	8.5	7.1
Lewiston-Auburn MSA	50,400	50,500	50,600	45,800	45,000	45,600	4,600	5,400	5,000	9.0	10.8	9.9
Portland MSA	121,400	119,500	119,300	113,700	110,300	111,600	7,700	9,100	7,700	6.3	7.7	6.5
Portsmouth-Rochester MSA	117,080	117,750	n/a	110,860	111,600	n/a	6,220	6,150	n/a	5.3	5.2	n/a
OTHER LABOR MARKETS												
Augusta	42,960	43,290	44,370	39,240	38,790	40,590	3,730	4,500	3,780	8.7	10.4	8.5
Bath-Brunswick	33,830	32,970	34,500	31,430	30,240	31,970	2,400	2,730	2,530	7.1	8.3	7.3
Belfast	11,490	11,760	11,520	10,020	9,930	10,090	1,470	1,840	1,430	12.8	15.6	12.4
Biddeford	31,600	31,450	32,780	28,500	27,780	29,550	3,100	3,680	3,230	9.8	11.7	9.9
Boothbay Harbor	7,180	7,260	7,380	6,550	6,490	6,670	630	770	720	8.7	10.7	9.7
Bucksport	4,970	5,010	5,020	4,430	4,360	4,540	540	650	480	10.8	12.9	9.5
Calais	5,210	5,350	5,380	4,370	4,380	4,650	840	980	730	16.1	18.3	13.6
Dexter-Pittsfield	12,570	12,660	12,660	10,990	10,660	11,080	1,580	2,000	1,580	12.6	15.8	12.4
Dover-Foxcroft	7,000	7,140	7,270	6,300	6,280	6,490	700	860	790	10.0	12.0	10.8
Ellsworth-Bar Harbor	16,040	16,370	15,860	13,510	13,280	13,660	2,540	3,090	2,200	15.8	18.9	13.9
Farmington	18,490	18,630	18,580	16,860	16,670	16,950	1,630	1,960	1,630	8.8	10.5	8.8
Fort Kent	3,810	3,750	4,080	3,340	3,200	3,530	470	550	540	12.4	14.6	13.3
Greenville	1,090	1,090	1,020	930	890	870	150	200	150	14.1	18.1	14.6
Houlton	6,340	6,340	6,430	5,660	5,540	5,840	670	800	590	10.6	12.7	9.2
Jonesport-Milbridge	3,540	3,550	3,620	2,900	2,770	2,990	640	780	630	18.0	21.9	17.4
Kittery-York	19,050	18,670	19,090	18,080	17,480	18,070	970	1,190	1,020	5.1	6.3	5.3
Lincoln-Howland	5,710	5,800	5,830	5,100	5,090	5,310	610	720	530	10.7	12.3	9.0
Machias-Eastport	6,560	6,460	6,720	5,600	5,320	5,650	960	1,150	1,070	14.6	17.7	16.0
Madawaska	3,990	4,080	4,200	3,550	3,480	3,740	440	610	470	11.0	14.9	11.1
Millinocket-East Millinocket	5,630	5,680	5,840	5,000	4,930	5,270	630	750	570	11.2	13.2	9.8
Norway-Paris	10,290	10,280	10,300	9,080	8,880	8,990	1,210	1,410	1,320	11.7	13.7	12.8
Outer Bangor	7,150	7,430	7,110	6,260	6,330	6,310	900	1,100	800	12.5	14.8	11.3
Patten-Island Falls	1,980	1,980	1,920	1,750	1,720	1,720	230	260	200	11.7	13.1	10.2
Presque Isle-Caribou	21,150	21,290	22,190	18,250	17,920	19,420	2,910	3,370	2,770	13.7	15.8	12.5
Rockland	20,230	19,970	20,620	18,330	18,060	18,370	1,900	1,920	2,250	9.4	9.6	10.9
Rumford	11,410	11,450	11,270	10,240	10,200	10,230	1,170	1,250	1,050	10.2	10.9	9.3
Sanford	21,670	21,810	21,390	19,560	19,180	19,140	2,120	2,620	2,260	9.8	12.0	10.6
Sebago Lakes Region	12,280	12,270	12,270	11,130	10,880	11,190	1,150	1,390	1,080	9.4	11.3	8.8
Skowhegan	15,470	15,590	15,820	13,570	13,360	13,960	1,900	2,220	1,870	12.3	14.3	11.8
Stonington	4,750	4,540	4,830	4,260	4,030	4,300	490	510	530	10.4	11.3	10.9
Van Buren	1,500	1,540	1,550	1,270	1,250	1,280	230	290	260	15.5	18.7	16.9
Waterville	24,310	24,240	25,130	21,760	21,120	22,620	2,550	3,120	2,510	10.5	12.9	10.0
NEW ENGLAND STATES (000)												
Connecticut	n/a	n/a	1,761.3	n/a	n/a	1,642.5	n/a	n/a	118.7	n/a	n/a	6.7
Massachusetts	3,123.0	3,136.0	3,158.0	2,899.0	2,897.0	2,919.0	223.0	240.0	239.0	7.1	7.6	7.6
New Hampshire	613.8	625.5	615.4	577.6	590.8	566.6	36.2	34.7	48.8	5.9	5.5	7.9
Rhode Island	515.4	523.4	514.7	468.9	464.2	467.2	46.5	59.2	47.5	9.0	11.3	9.2
Vermont	311.3	306.0	314.8	291.9	287.5	292.9	19.4	18.5	21.8	6.2	6.0	6.9
UNITED STATES (000)	129,764	129,393	126,505	120,503	119,901	116,735	9,262	9,492	9,770	7.1	7.3	7.7

Footnotes

1/ Labor force, employment, and unemployment data for all areas are by place of residence and are not seasonally adjusted. Estimates made independently for each labor market area have been benchmarked to and extrapolated from the Current Population Survey estimates for the state. All data exclude members of the Armed Forces. Data are rounded for publishing purposes. Employment and unemployment may not add to labor force due to rounding. MSA - Metropolitan Statistical Area. n/a indicates that the information was not available at the time of printing.

2/ Current estimates preliminary. Last month and year ago estimates revised.

3/ Kittery-York is the eight-town Maine portion of the Portsmouth-Dover-Rochester MSA which includes towns in both Maine and New Hampshire.

Source: These data are developed by the Maine Division of Economic Analysis and Research in cooperation with the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Mid-Month Insured Unemployment

ITEM	STATEWIDE This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	PORTLAND MSA This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Number of continued-week claimants*	19,639	18,306	17,595	2,769	2,579	2,510	1,595	1,434	1,499

* Continued-week claimants are less partials for week including the 12th of the month.

Civilian Labor Force and Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment in Maine

Seasonally Adjusted in Thousands

ITEM	1993											1994	
	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb
Civilian Labor Force 1/	636.9	635.2	633.9	632.8	631.4	628.1	629.4	627.8	627.6	626.5	624.4	628.0	632.1
Resident Employment	589.4	587.4	584.9	582.9	580.4	578.0	577.1	575.2	575.9	575.1	574.7	568.6	585.3
Unemployment	47.5	47.8	48.9	49.9	51.0	50.1	52.3	52.6	51.6	51.4	49.7	59.4	46.8
Percent of Labor Force	7.5	7.5	7.7	7.9	8.1	8.0	8.3	8.4	8.2	8.2	8.0	9.5	7.4
Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment 2/	514.3	515.8	517.9	519.6	518.9	519.1	520.3	519.8	521.9	522.2	521.6	517.7	520.3
Construction	21.5	21.4	21.0	21.0	20.4	20.8	20.5	20.4	21.1	21.4	21.7	21.5	21.4
Manufacturing, Durable Goods	40.4	40.6	40.5	40.4	40.3	40.3	40.2	40.3	40.5	40.8	40.8	40.6	41.6
Manufacturing, Nondurable Goods	50.1	50.2	50.8	50.8	50.6	50.7	50.9	50.6	51.1	51.0	51.0	50.6	50.9
Transportation and Public Utilities	21.9	22.0	21.1	22.1	22.1	22.0	22.1	22.1	21.6	21.8	21.9	21.4	21.5
Wholesale Trade	23.0	23.1	23.2	22.5	23.1	23.2	23.2	23.3	23.4	23.4	23.3	23.5	23.4
Retail Trade	105.6	105.2	106.5	107.0	106.9	107.0	107.3	108.0	107.9	107.5	106.8	106.2	106.1
Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate	25.1	25.2	25.5	25.6	25.7	25.7	25.9	25.8	25.9	26.1	26.0	25.9	25.9
Services	130.8	132.0	132.7	134.1	134.6	133.3	134.1	135.2	136.3	136.5	136.7	135.8	136.1
Government	95.8	96.0	94.6	95.2	95.1	95.9	95.9	93.9	94.0	93.6	93.3	92.1	93.2

1/ Place of residence. 2/ Place of work.

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Per Capita Income for 1993 Grew Faster in Maine Than in U.S.

Maine's per capita personal income rose 4.0 percent in 1993 to $18,895 for every man, woman, and child in the state. This rate of increase ranked 22nd among the 50 states, and was above the national growth rate of 3.5 percent. Maine's 1993 per capita income was the 32nd-highest of all the states, rising from 33rd-highest in 1992, according to the Bureau of Economic Analysis of the U.S. Department of Commerce.

Maine's per capita personal income remained the lowest in New England, as it has been since 1959. Per capita income in Maine stood at 91 percent of the national average in 1993, while per capita income in other New England states ranged from 94 percent of the national average in Vermont to 135 percent in Connecticut.

Per capita personal income is estimated by dividing an area's total personal income by total population. Although total personal income in Maine increased at a slower rate than national income, Maine's population grew very slowly. As a result, per capita personal income in Maine increased at a faster rate than national per capita income.

Total personal income in Maine was 23.4 billion dollars in 1993, increasing by 4.3 percent over 1992. Nationally, personal income increased by 4.7 percent. Total income growth rates in other New England states ranged from 3.5 percent in Connecticut to 4.4 percent in Vermont.

Maine's total population in 1993 was 1,239,000, up only 0.3 percent from 1992 compared to the national growth rate of 1.1 percent. Among the other states in the region, Connecticut's population recorded the only decline, falling by 0.1 percent. The largest percentage growth was 0.9 percent in New Hampshire.

The largest share of per capita personal income comes from the earnings of workers. Other components include interest, dividends, rent, and business and government transfer payments. In Maine, earnings in private service-type jobs (wholesale and retail trade; finance, insurance, and real estate; transportation and public utilities; and services) grew fastest among all major sectors, rising by 6.4 percent from the 1992 level. The next-fastest per capita earnings growth was in construction, which rose by 5.4 percent.

In the twelve states with the fastest growth in per capita income in 1993, increases ranged from 6.7 percent in Montana to 4.5 percent in Oregon. Five of the eight states with the slowest growth in per capita personal income in 1993 were states affected by the Midwest floods—Iowa, North Dakota, Missouri, South Dakota, and Minnesota.

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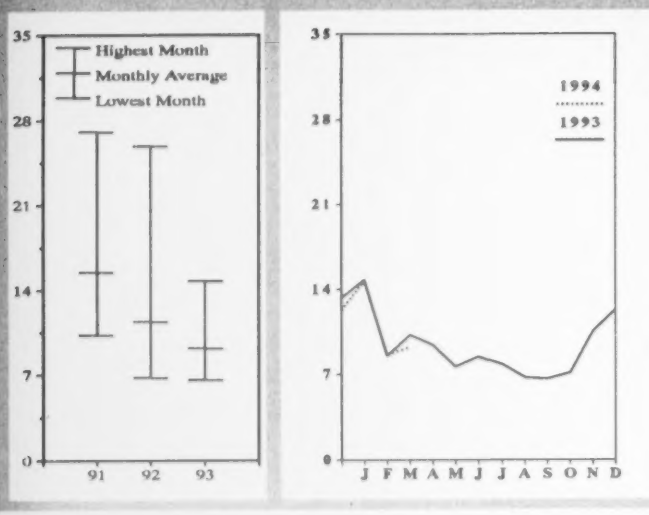
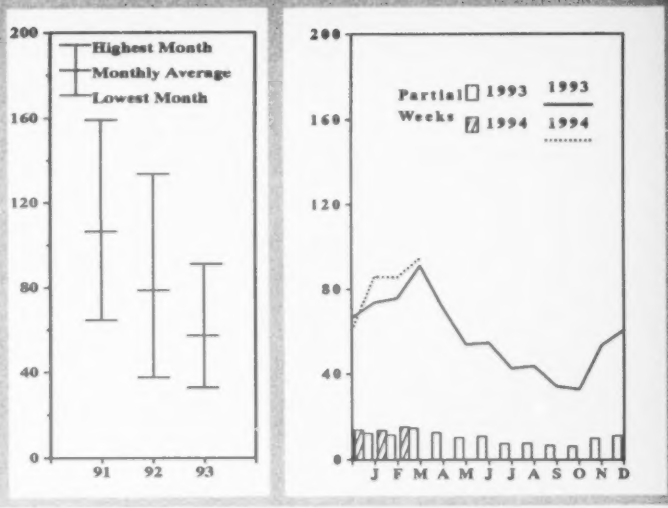
(See related graph on page 2)

UI Initial Claims
In Thousands

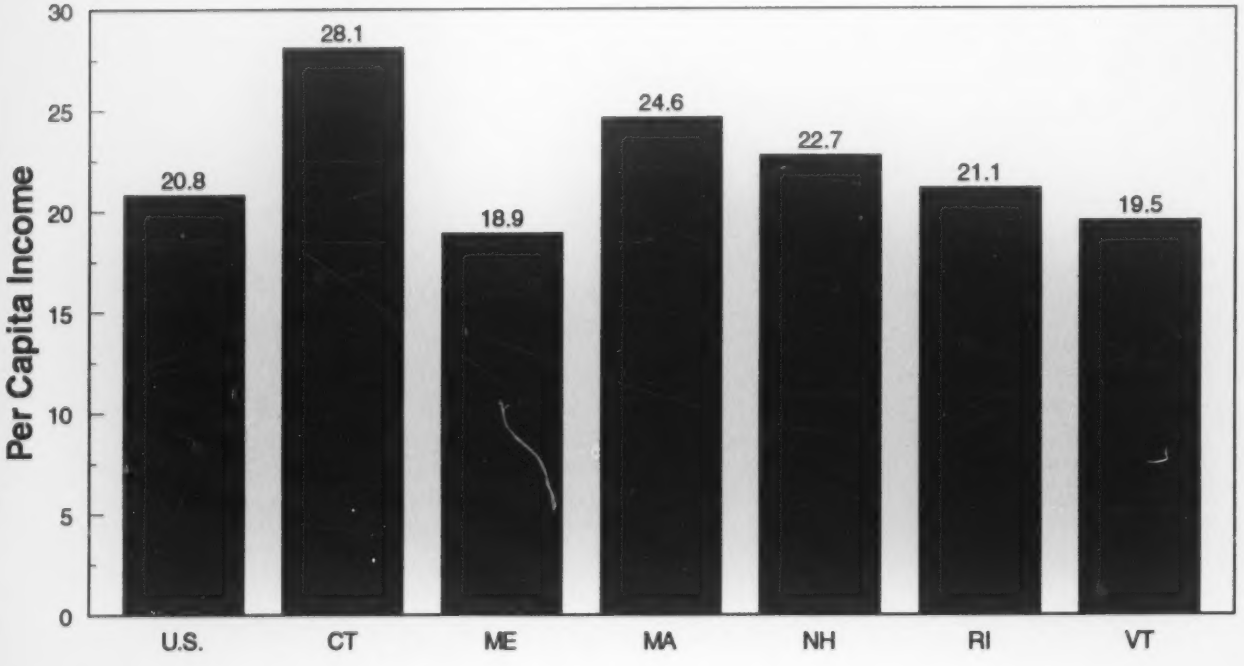


UI Intrastate Weeks Claimed
In Thousands



1993 Per Capita Income
U.S. and New England States

(thousands of dollars)



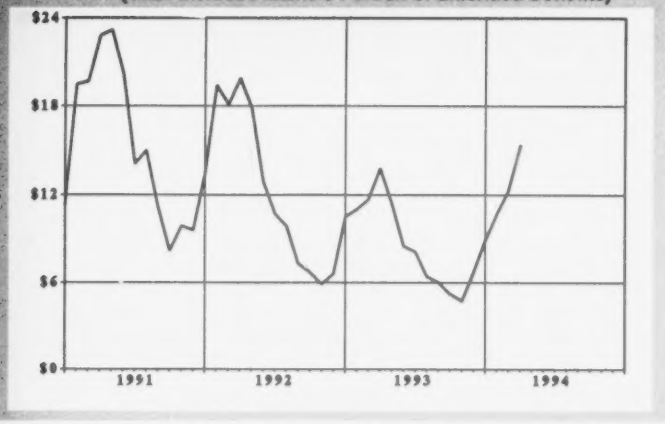
Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis

Selected Employment Security Activities

Unemployment Insurance Benefit Payments

In Millions

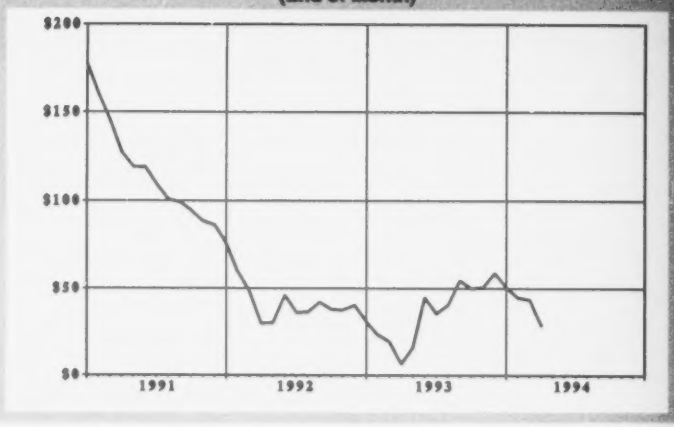
(Total Includes Maine's Portion of Extended Benefits)



Unemployment Compensation Fund Balance

In Millions

(End of Month)



Earnings and Workweek of Production Workers in Manufacturing Industries

AREA AND INDUSTRY	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	ANNUAL AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS 1991	1992	1993
STATEWIDE												
Manufacturing												
Durable Goods	$485.03	$480.22	$465.96	41.0	40.8	40.1	$11.83	$11.77	$11.62	$11.08	$11.38	$11.63
Lumber and Wood Products	483.44	475.91	458.00	40.9	40.4	40.0	11.82	11.78	11.45	10.61	11.14	11.43
Primary and Fabricated Metals	394.25	388.10	382.42	41.5	41.2	40.9	9.50	9.42	9.35	8.97	9.25	9.33
Industrial Machinery and Equipment	465.97	460.20	475.61	41.2	41.2	44.7	11.31	11.17	10.64	10.18	10.45	11.00
Electronic and Other Electric Equipment	592.68	599.82	541.60	44.0	44.3	40.6	13.47	13.54	13.34	12.43	12.82	13.32
Transportation Equipment	424.44	420.00	400.72	39.3	39.4	38.2	10.80	10.66	10.49	9.91	10.02	10.33
Other Durable Goods	611.04	596.37	569.74	40.2	38.6	38.6	15.20	15.45	14.76	12.55	14.09	14.64
Nondurable Goods	357.69	357.62	349.74	40.1	40.5	40.2	8.92	8.83	8.70	8.57	8.86	8.89
Food and Kindred Products	486.21	482.93	473.93	41.1	41.1	40.3	11.83	11.75	11.76	11.48	11.57	11.79
Textile Mill Products	335.52	330.87	334.51	36.0	36.2	35.7	9.32	9.14	9.37	8.76	9.15	9.34
Apparel and Other Textile Products	431.44	425.45	376.83	45.8	45.6	39.5	9.42	9.33	9.54	8.82	9.03	9.49
Paper and Allied Products	265.20	273.00	284.53	34.0	35.0	36.2	7.80	7.80	7.86	7.28	7.65	7.95
Leather and Leather Products	739.70	733.04	723.97	44.4	44.4	44.8	16.66	16.51	16.16	16.06	16.25	16.63
Other Nondurable Goods	321.98	321.92	305.25	38.7	38.6	38.3	8.32	8.34	7.97	7.82	7.92	8.00
PORTLAND MSA	421.34	416.31	394.11	39.9	39.8	38.3	10.56	10.46	10.29	9.85	10.07	10.28
Manufacturing												
LEWISTON.AUBURN MSA	421.58	412.51	417.58	39.4	39.1	38.1	10.70	10.55	10.96	10.45	10.55	10.68
Manufacturing	399.15	400.55	380.64	40.4	40.5	39.0	9.88	9.89	9.76	9.33	9.53	9.82

Female Labor Force in Maine

In Thousands

ITEM[1/]	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Labor Force	293.5	299.3	292.7
Unemployment	17.2	23.4	22.4
(Percent)	5.9%	7.8%	7.7%
Resident Employed	276.2	275.9	270.2

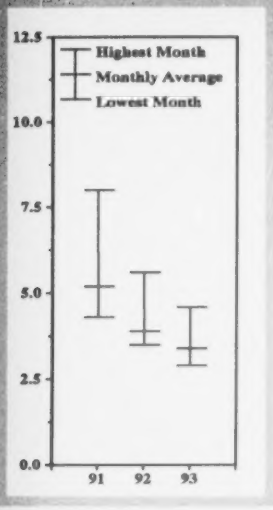
U.S. Consumer Price Index

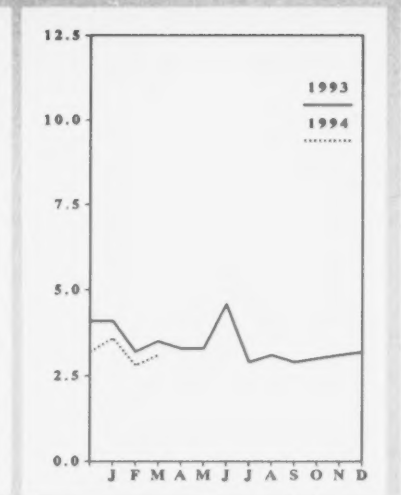
BASE PERIOD (1982-1984 = 100) All Items (CPI-U)	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	Last Dec.
	147.2	146.7	143.6	145.8

Percent Change for Past Month	+0.3%
Percent Change from Last December	+1.0%
Percent Change from 12 Months Ago	+2.5%

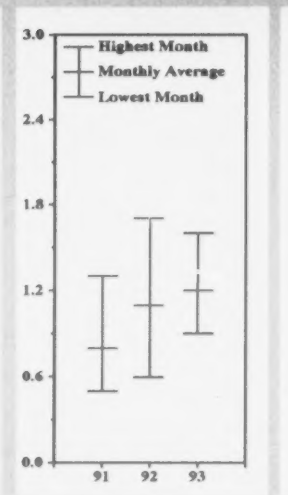
1/ Current figures preliminary; last month and year ago figures revised.
Source: Female labor force estimates are developed by, and solely the responsibility of, the Maine Division of Economic Analysis and Research.

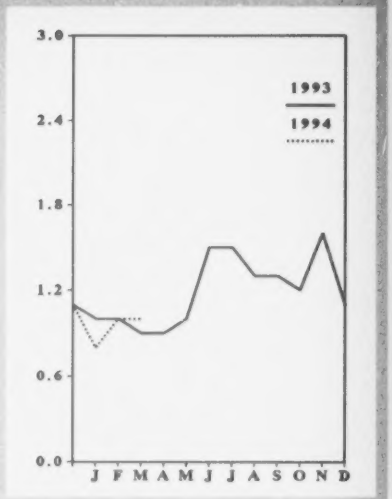
New Applications For Work
In Thousands





Nonfarm Placements
In Thousands
(Excludes Placements of Less than Three Days Duration)





Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment by Place of Work (In Thousands)

ITEM	STATEWIDE			PORTLAND MSA			LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA		
	THIS MONTH	LAST MONTH	YEAR AGO	THIS MONTH	LAST MONTH	YEAR AGO	THIS MONTH	LAST MONTH	YEAR AGO
Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment 1/	508.4	509.2	497.9	124.5	124.3	120.6	39.2	39.1	38.0
Goods Producing	109.5	110.0	106.2	18.7	18.4	18.6	9.6	9.4	9.4
Construction and Mining	18.3	18.4	17.1	5.2	5.0	5.2	1.4	1.3	1.3
Building Construction	4.3	4.4	4.4	1.2	1.2	1.3	n/a	n/a	n/a
Special Trade Contractors	10.7	10.8	9.5	3.4	3.3	3.3	n/a	n/a	n/a
Manufacturing	91.2	91.6	89.1	13.5	13.4	13.4	8.2	8.1	8.1
Durable Goods	41.0	41.3	39.9	6.0	6.0	5.8	2.2	2.2	2.2
Lumber and Wood Products	10.9	11.0	10.3	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Primary and Fabricated Metals	3.3	3.3	3.2	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Industrial Machinery and Equipment	4.2	4.1	3.6	1.3	1.3	1.2	n/a	n/a	n/a
Electronic and other Elect. Equip.	6.8	6.7	6.8	1.9	1.9	2.0	n/a	n/a	n/a
Transportation Equipment	12.2	12.6	12.2	(d)	(d)	(d)	n/a	n/a	n/a
Other Durable Goods 2/	3.6	3.6	3.8	2.8	2.8	2.6	n/a	n/a	n/a
Nondurable Goods	50.2	50.3	49.2	7.5	7.4	7.6	6.0	5.9	5.9
Food and Kindred Products	6.1	6.4	6.0	1.8	1.8	2.0	n/a	n/a	n/a
Textile Mill Products	5.9	5.7	5.3	(d)	(d)	(d)	n/a	n/a	n/a
Apparel and Other Textile Products	2.8	2.8	2.6	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Paper and Allied Products	15.7	15.8	16.1	(d)	(d)	(d)	n/a	n/a	n/a
Printing and Publishing	5.4	5.5	5.1	1.7	1.7	1.6	n/a	n/a	n/a
Rubber and Misc. Plastic Products	3.0	3.0	2.9	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Leather and Leather Products	10.0	9.8	9.9	1.3	1.3	1.2	1.8	1.7	1.7
Footwear (except Rubber)	8.1	8.0	8.1	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Other Nondurable Goods 3/	1.3	1.3	1.3	2.7	2.6	2.8	4.2	4.2	4.2
Service Producing	398.9	399.2	391.7	105.8	105.9	102.0	29.6	29.7	28.6
Transportation and Public Utilities	21.0	21.0	21.4	5.8	5.7	5.8	1.4	1.4	1.2
Wholesale Trade	22.9	23.0	22.7	8.7	8.7	8.5	1.9	1.8	1.9
Retail Trade	99.1	99.8	96.4	27.3	27.6	26.2	8.1	8.3	7.6
General Merchandise Stores	10.9	11.0	10.9	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Food Stores	17.4	17.6	17.8	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Eating and Drinking Places	29.1	28.4	28.1	8.0	7.8	7.2	n/a	n/a	n/a
Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate	25.8	25.6	25.0	12.2	12.2	11.8	2.0	2.0	1.9
Banking	8.8	8.8	8.8	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Insurance Carriers, Brokers and Agents	11.7	11.7	11.3	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Services	133.1	133.0	126.7	34.1	34.1	32.9	11.4	11.4	11.2
Hotels and Other Lodging Places	6.8	6.6	6.0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Business Services	13.9	13.7	12.7	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Health Services	49.3	49.3	48.5	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Federal Government	15.1	15.1	16.5	2.0	2.0	1.9	0.3	0.3	0.3
State Government	27.7	27.5	28.1	5.2	5.0	4.8	0.7	0.7	0.7
Local Government	54.2	54.2	54.9	10.5	10.6	10.1	3.8	3.8	3.8
Involved in Labor-Management Disputes	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

1/ Employment figures relate to full- and part-time wage and salary workers in pay periods including the 12th of the month. Domestic workers in private households, proprietors, self-employed, and unpaid family workers are excluded. 2/ Includes Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) codes: Statewide - 25, 32, 38, 39; Portland - 24, 25, 32, 33, 34, 37, 38, 39. 3/ Includes SIC codes: Statewide - 28, 29; Portland - 20, 22, 23, 26, 30; Lewiston - 20, 22, 23, 26, 27. 4/ Regular teachers are included in summer months whether or not specifically paid in those months. n/a - data not available in sufficient detail for publication. * Less than 50. (d) Nondisclosure item. Source: Nonfarm wage and salary employment by place of work and earnings, and workweek of production workers in manufacturing industries are developed by the Maine Division of Economic Analysis and Research in cooperation with the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Labor Force, Employment and Unemployment

Area 1/	LABOR FORCE 2/			RESIDENT EMPLOYED			UNEMPLOYMENT Number			UNEMPLOYMENT Percent of Labor Force		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
MAINE-STATEWIDE (000)	620.6	620.7	630.6	567.1	563.2	572.3	53.5	57.4	58.3	8.6	9.3	9.2
MAJOR LABOR MARKETS												
Bangor MSA	49,700	49,300	49,100	46,500	45,800	45,600	3,300	3,500	3,400	6.5	7.1	7.0
Lewiston-Auburn MSA	50,700	50,400	50,500	46,400	45,800	45,500	4,400	4,600	5,000	8.6	9.1	9.9
Portland MSA	121,100	121,500	120,800	113,900	113,800	113,100	7,200	7,700	7,800	5.9	6.3	6.4
Portsmouth-Rochester MSA	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
OTHER LABOR MARKETS												
Augusta	43,160	42,980	44,710	39,800	39,240	40,890	3,360	3,730	3,820	7.8	8.7	8.5
Bath-Brunswick	33,900	33,840	35,310	31,560	31,430	32,660	2,330	2,400	2,650	6.9	7.1	7.5
Belfast	11,420	11,500	11,490	10,010	10,020	9,900	1,420	1,490	1,590	12.4	12.9	13.8
Biddeford	31,760	31,630	33,270	28,880	28,510	29,960	2,880	3,130	3,310	9.1	9.9	10.0
Boothbay Harbor	7,160	7,180	7,460	6,580	6,550	6,780	580	630	680	8.1	8.7	9.1
Bucksport	4,970	4,970	5,070	4,470	4,430	4,550	490	540	520	9.9	10.9	10.2
Calais	5,180	5,210	5,490	4,420	4,370	4,670	770	840	820	14.8	16.1	14.9
Dexter-Pittsfield	12,760	12,580	12,830	11,170	10,990	11,290	1,590	1,590	1,530	12.5	12.6	11.9
Dover-Foxcroft	7,050	7,000	7,340	6,380	6,300	6,540	670	700	800	9.5	10.0	11.0
Ellsworth-Bar Harbor	15,870	16,090	16,060	13,560	13,510	13,800	2,310	2,580	2,250	14.6	16.0	14.0
Farmington	18,570	18,520	18,860	17,140	16,870	17,200	1,430	1,650	1,660	7.7	8.9	8.8
Fort Kent	3,640	3,830	4,010	3,140	3,340	3,370	500	490	630	13.6	12.8	15.8
Greenville	1,040	1,090	960	890	940	790	150	150	170	14.6	14.1	17.7
Houlton	6,310	6,340	6,480	5,700	5,660	5,880	610	670	600	9.7	10.6	9.3
Jonesport-Milbridge	3,500	3,540	3,560	2,950	2,900	2,970	550	640	590	15.7	18.1	16.5
Kittery-York	19,370	19,070	19,240	18,490	18,100	18,170	880	970	1,070	4.5	5.1	5.6
Lincoln-Howland	5,710	5,720	5,770	5,100	5,100	5,250	610	620	520	10.7	10.9	9.0
Machias-Eastport	6,570	6,560	6,730	5,580	5,600	5,670	990	960	1,050	15.1	14.7	15.7
Madawaska	3,990	3,990	4,190	3,590	3,550	3,750	400	440	450	10.1	11.0	10.6
Millinocket-East Millinocket	5,650	5,630	5,860	5,010	5,000	5,310	640	630	550	11.3	11.2	9.4
Norway-Paris	9,970	10,290	10,410	8,640	9,080	9,050	1,330	1,210	1,360	13.3	11.8	13.1
Outer Bangor	7,110	7,160	7,160	6,280	6,260	6,300	830	900	860	11.7	12.6	12.0
Patten-Island Falls	1,980	1,990	1,940	1,770	1,750	1,720	210	240	220	10.6	12.0	11.4
Presque Isle-Caribou	21,100	21,170	22,320	18,260	18,250	19,430	2,850	2,920	2,890	13.5	13.8	13.0
Rockland	20,110	20,260	20,360	18,500	18,330	18,640	1,620	1,930	1,720	8.0	9.5	8.4
Rumford	11,380	11,400	11,180	10,360	10,240	10,120	1,020	1,160	1,060	9.0	10.2	9.5
Sanford	21,920	21,680	21,820	19,990	19,560	19,530	1,930	2,120	2,290	8.8	9.8	10.5
Sebago Lakes Region	11,920	12,290	12,350	10,900	11,130	11,260	1,020	1,160	1,080	8.5	9.4	8.8
Skowhegan	15,440	15,470	16,160	13,720	13,570	14,240	1,720	1,900	1,920	11.2	12.3	11.9
Stonington	4,700	4,750	4,850	4,240	4,260	4,310	460	490	540	9.7	10.3	11.0
Van Buren	1,510	1,500	1,510	1,290	1,270	1,290	220	230	220	14.4	15.6	14.7
Waterville	24,460	24,320	25,440	22,070	21,770	22,830	2,400	2,560	2,610	9.8	10.5	10.3
NEW ENGLAND STATES (000)												
Connecticut	n/a	n/a	1,778.9	n/a	n/a	1,667.6	n/a	n/a	111.3	n/a	n/a	6.3
Massachusetts	3,141.6	3,123.0	3,188.0	2,932.6	2,899.0	2,946.0	209.0	223.0	243.0	6.7	7.1	7.6
New Hampshire	n/a	n/a	616.2	n/a	n/a	568.1	n/a	n/a	48.1	n/a	n/a	7.8
Rhode Island	n/a	n/a	506.4	n/a	n/a	462.5	n/a	n/a	43.9	n/a	n/a	8.7
Vermont	n/a	n/a	311.0	n/a	n/a	291.4	n/a	n/a	19.6	n/a	n/a	6.3
UNITED STATES (000)	129,718	129,764	126,682	120,844	120,503	117,406	8,874	9,262	9,276	6.8	7.1	7.3

Footnotes

1/ Labor force, employment, and unemployment data for all areas are by place of residence and are not seasonally adjusted. Estimates made independently for each labor market area have been benchmarked to and extrapolated from the Current Population Survey estimates for the state. All data exclude members of the Armed Forces. Data are rounded for publishing purposes. Employment and unemployment may not add to labor force due to rounding. MSA - Metropolitan Statistical Area. n/a indicates that the information was not available at the time of printing.

2/ Current estimates preliminary. Last month and year ago estimates revised.

3/ Kittery-York is the eight-town Maine portion of the Portsmouth-Dover-Rochester MSA which includes towns in both Maine and New Hampshire.

Source: These data are developed by the Maine Division of Economic Analysis and Research in cooperation with the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Mid-Month Insured Unemployment

ITEM	STATEWIDE This Month	STATEWIDE Last Month	STATEWIDE Year Ago	PORTLAND MSA This Month	PORTLAND MSA Last Month	PORTLAND MSA Year Ago	LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA This Month	LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA Last Month	LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA Year Ago
Number of continued-week claimants*	19,422	20,015	17,281	2,754	2,808	2,464	1,607	1,626	1,430

* Continued-week claimants are less partials for week including the 12th of the month.

Civilian Labor Force and Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment in Maine

Seasonally Adjusted in Thousands

ITEM	1993										1994		
	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar
Civilian Labor Force 1/	635.2	633.9	632.8	631.4	628.1	629.4	627.8	627.6	626.5	624.4	628.0	632.5	625.1
Resident Employment	587.4	584.9	582.9	580.4	578.0	577.1	575.2	575.9	575.1	574.7	568.6	585.5	582.3
Unemployment	47.8	48.9	49.9	51.0	50.1	52.3	52.6	51.6	51.4	49.7	59.4	43.0	42.9
Percent of Labor Force	7.5	7.7	7.9	8.1	8.0	8.3	8.4	8.2	8.2	8.0	9.5	7.4	6.9
Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment 2/	515.8	517.9	519.6	518.9	519.1	520.3	519.8	521.9	522.2	521.6	517.7	520.9	521.0
Construction	21.4	21.0	21.0	20.4	20.8	20.5	20.4	21.1	21.4	21.7	21.5	21.5	21.5
Manufacturing, Durable Goods	40.6	40.5	40.4	40.3	40.3	40.2	40.3	40.5	40.8	40.3	40.6	41.5	41.6
Manufacturing, Nondurable Goods	50.2	50.8	50.8	50.6	50.7	50.9	50.6	51.1	51.0	51.0	50.6	50.9	51.2
Transportation and Public Utilities	22.0	21.1	22.1	22.1	22.0	22.1	22.1	21.6	21.8	21.9	21.4	21.5	21.3
Wholesale Trade	23.1	23.2	22.5	23.1	23.2	23.2	23.3	23.4	23.4	23.3	23.5	23.4	23.3
Retail Trade	105.2	106.5	107.0	106.9	107.0	107.3	108.0	107.9	107.5	106.8	106.2	106.2	105.7
Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate	25.2	25.5	25.6	25.7	25.7	25.9	25.8	25.9	26.1	26.0	25.9	25.9	26.1
Services	132.0	132.7	134.1	134.6	133.3	134.1	135.2	136.3	136.5	136.7	135.8	136.4	137.0
Government	96.0	94.6	95.2	95.1	95.9	95.9	93.9	94.0	93.6	93.3	92.1	93.4	93.3

1/ Place of residence. 2/ Place of work.

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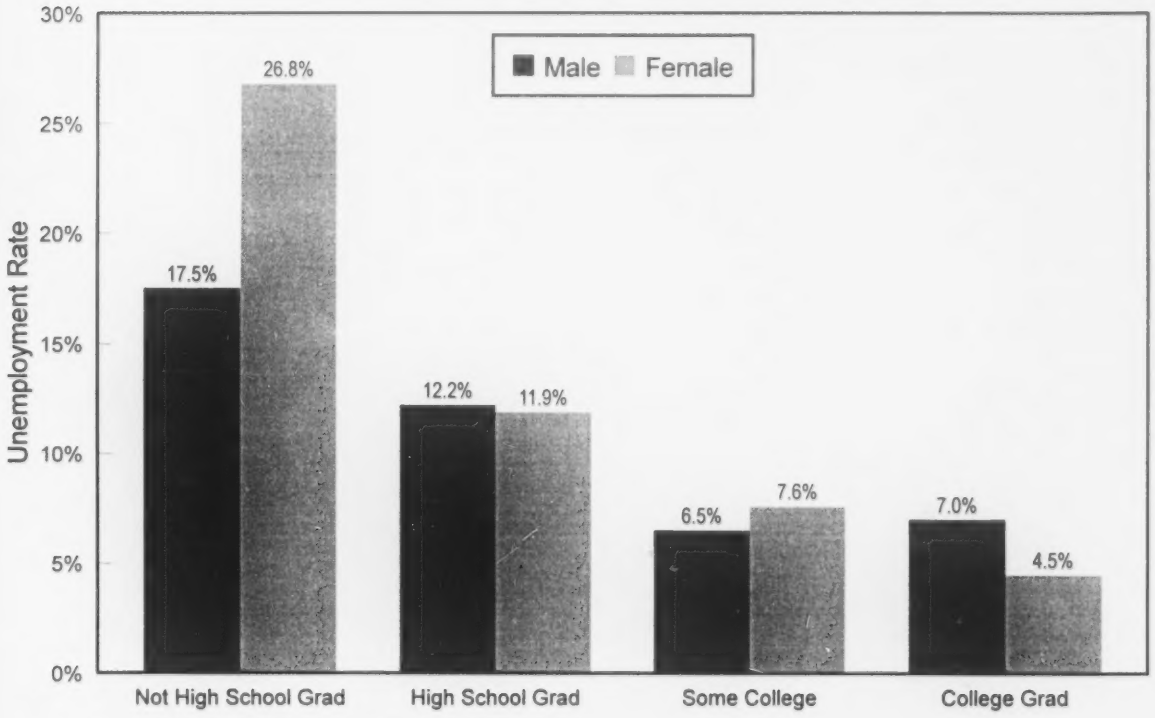
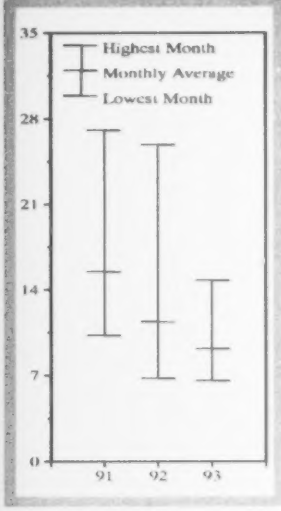
Unemployment Rates for Out-of-School Youth Aged 16-24 United States, October 1993



Source: U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

The labor market success of out-of-school youth aged 16 to 24 in the United States, as measured by the unemployment rate, is linked directly to the level of education they have completed. High school dropouts had by far the highest jobless rates, while those who had attended or graduated from college had the lowest jobless rates.

UI Initial Claims
In Thousands



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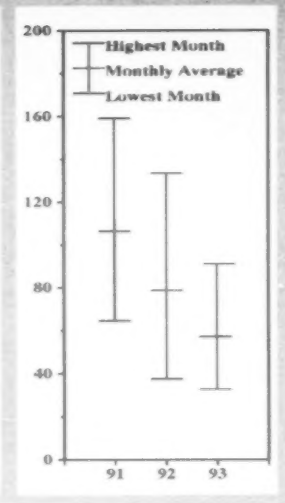
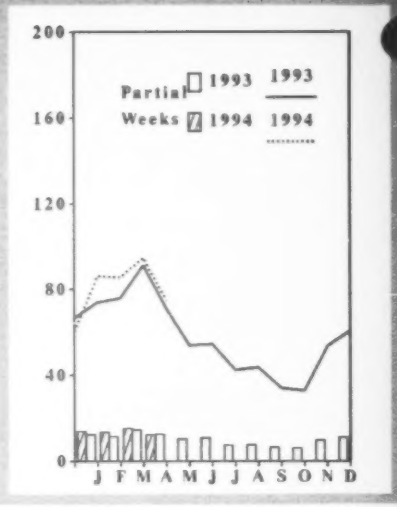




Unemployment Insurance Quality Control

The Maine Department of Labor operates a Quality Control Program which audits the payment of unemployment compensation benefits to determine the accuracy of those payments. Each week twelve payments are randomly selected as an audit sample, and approximately 16 hours are devoted to reviewing every aspect of a single payment. The investigators interview the claimant and his or her last employer, audit all payroll records which affect the claim, verify documentation relative to issues such as pension receipt and dependency allowance, and conduct in-person interviews with each employer that the claimant listed as a work search contact.

The investigations for CY 1993 showed the biggest category of errors by percentage of dollars overpaid was work search issues (55.0 percent). Benefit year earnings issues accounted for the next largest amount overpaid (25.6 percent) followed by eligibility issues (9.8 percent), which includes ability to work, availability to work, and refusal of jobs or referrals to jobs.

Responsibility for the overpayments lay mostly with the claimants who were the cause of 78.6 percent of all dollars overpaid. The next largest category of responsibility was the agency at 10.9 percent, followed by instances where the claimant and the agency were jointly responsible for 6.3 percent.

Summary of Quality Control Investigations, CY 1992

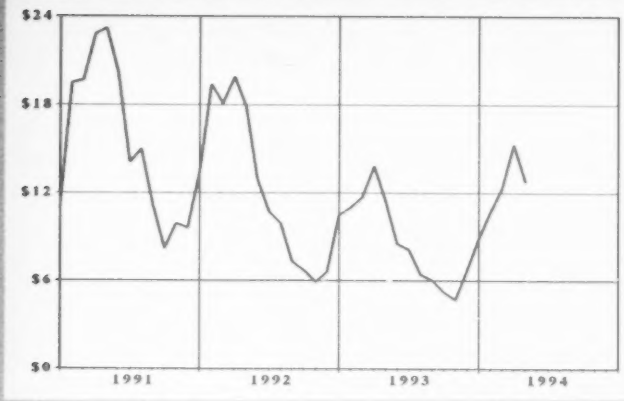
Item	Number of Payments	Dollars Paid	Item	Percentage of Dollars	95% Confidence Interval (+/-)
Population	640,797	98,406,748	Proper Payments	89.0	2.6
Sample	600	91,678	Overpayments	11.0	2.6
			Underpayments	0.8	0.5

Selected Employment Security Activities

Unemployment Insurance Benefit Payments

In Millions

(Total Includes Maine's Portion of Extended Benefits)



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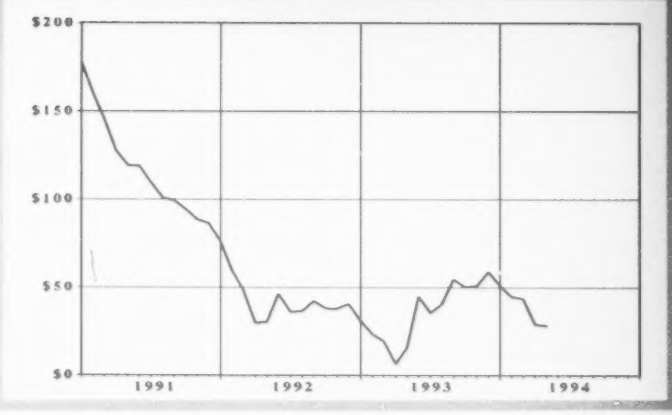
In Millions

(End of Month)



Earnings and Workweek of Production Workers in Manufacturing Industries

AREA AND INDUSTRY	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS This Month	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS Last Month	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS Year Ago	AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS This Month	AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS Last Month	AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS Year Ago	AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS This Month	AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS Last Month	AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS Year Ago	ANNUAL AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS 1991	ANNUAL AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS 1992	ANNUAL AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS 1993
STATEWIDE												
Manufacturing	$477.46	$480.62	$471.77	40.6	40.8	40.6	$11.76	$11.78	$11.62	$11.08	$11.38	$11.63
Durable Goods	465.20	470.34	456.52	40.0	40.2	40.4	11.63	11.70	11.30	10.61	11.14	11.43
Lumber and Wood Products	386.26	381.97	374.88	41.4	41.7	41.7	9.33	9.16	8.99	8.97	9.25	9.33
Primary and Fabricated Metals	445.11	443.69	474.12	40.1	39.9	43.9	11.10	11.12	10.80	10.18	10.45	11.00
Industrial Machinery and Equipment	625.29	638.91	541.20	44.6	45.8	41.0	14.02	13.95	13.20	12.43	12.82	13.32
Electronic and Other Electric Equipment	401.32	400.72	406.64	38.7	38.2	39.1	10.37	10.49	10.40	9.91	10.02	10.33
Transportation Equipment	552.96	574.53	558.83	37.9	38.2	38.7	14.59	15.04	14.44	12.55	14.09	14.64
Other Durable Goods	384.56	364.51	364.27	40.1	40.1	40.7	9.59	9.09	8.95	8.57	8.86	8.89
Nondurable Goods	486.26	488.99	483.89	41.0	41.3	40.8	11.86	11.84	11.86	11.48	11.57	11.79
Food and Kindred Products	348.23	335.74	353.44	35.9	34.4	37.6	9.70	9.76	9.40	8.76	9.15	9.34
Textile Mill Products	424.84	417.31	402.57	44.3	47.1	42.6	9.59	8.86	9.45	8.82	9.03	9.49
Apparel and Other Textile Products	287.07	288.56	285.68	36.2	36.9	35.8	7.93	7.82	7.98	7.28	7.65	7.95
Paper and Allied Products	743.16	752.58	745.71	44.0	44.4	44.6	16.89	16.95	16.72	16.06	16.25	16.63
Leather and Leather Products	318.72	316.61	305.63	39.3	38.8	38.3	8.11	8.16	7.98	7.82	7.92	8.00
Other Nondurable Goods	424.68	429.45	407.40	40.6	40.4	39.4	10.46	10.63	10.34	9.85	10.07	10.28
PORTLAND MSA												
Manufacturing	430.00	418.70	412.80	38.6	39.5	38.4	11.14	10.60	10.75	10.45	10.55	10.68
LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA												
Manufacturing	388.85	398.90	388.68	39.8	42.8	39.3	9.77	9.32	9.89	9.33	9.53	9.82

Female Labor Force in Maine

In Thousands

ITEM 1/	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Labor Force	291.0	293.5	290.5
Unemployment	20.8	17.2	22.1
(Percent)	7.2%	5.9%	7.6%
Resident Employed	270.1	276.2	268.4

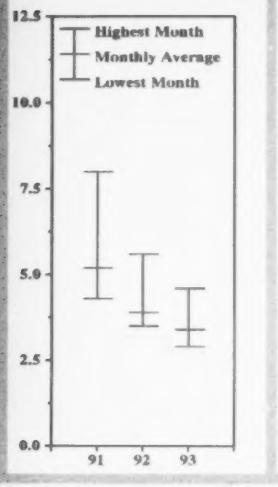
1/ Current figures preliminary; last month and year ago figures revised.
Source: Female labor force estimates are developed by, and solely the responsibility of, the Maine Division of Economic Analysis and Research.

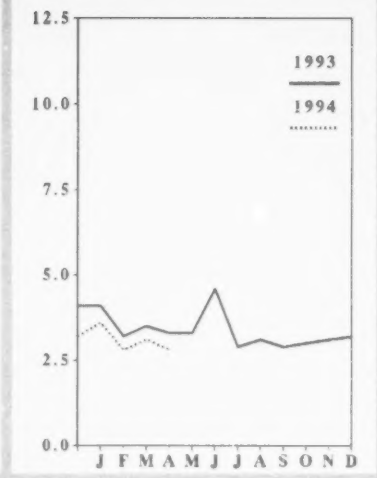
U.S. Consumer Price Index

BASE PERIOD (1982-1984 = 100) All Items (CPI-U)	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	Last Dec.
	147.4	147.2	144.0	145.8

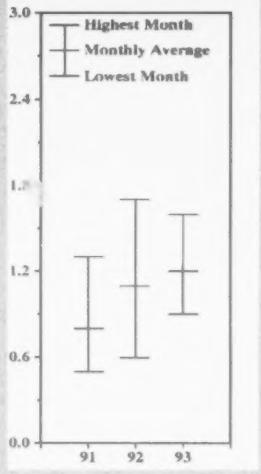
Percent Change for Past Month	+0.1%
Percent Change from Last December	+1.1%
Percent Change from 12 Months Ago	+2.4%

New Applications For Work
In Thousands





Nonfarm Placements
In Thousands
(Excludes Placements of Less than Three Days Duration)



Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment by Place of Work (In Thousands)

ITEM	STATEWIDE THIS MONTH	STATEWIDE LAST MONTH	STATEWIDE YEAR AGO	PORTLAND MSA THIS MONTH	PORTLAND MSA LAST MONTH	PORTLAND MSA YEAR AGO	LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA THIS MONTH	LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA LAST MONTH	LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA YEAR AGO
Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment 1/	514.5	508.1	506.6	123.5	124.0	122.7	39.5	39.2	38.7
Goods Producing	110.1	109.4	107.7	18.5	18.5	18.7	9.7	9.6	9.6
Construction and Mining	19.6	18.3	18.5	5.1	5.1	5.3	1.4	1.4	1.4
Building Construction	4.7	4.3	4.7	1.2	1.2	1.3	n/a	n/a	n/a
Special Trade Contractors	11.4	10.7	10.2	3.4	3.4	3.3	n/a	n/a	n/a
Manufacturing	90.5	91.1	89.2	13.4	13.4	13.4	8.3	8.2	8.2
Durable Goods	40.2	40.9	38.9	6.0	6.0	5.7	2.1	2.2	2.2
Lumber and Wood Products	10.0	10.9	9.4	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Primary and Fabricated Metals	3.4	3.3	3.3	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Industrial Machinery and Equipment	4.1	4.1	3.6	1.3	1.3	1.2	n/a	n/a	n/a
Electronic and other Elect. Equip.	6.8	6.8	6.7	1.9	1.9	2.0	n/a	n/a	n/a
Transportation Equipment	12.3	12.2	12.2	(d)	(d)	(d)	n/a	n/a	n/a
Other Durable Goods 2/	3.6	3.6	3.7	2.8	2.8	2.5	n/a	n/a	n/a
Nondurable Goods	50.3	50.2	50.3	7.4	7.4	7.7	6.2	6.0	6.0
Food and Kindred Products	6.1	6.2	6.4	1.8	1.8	2.0	n/a	n/a	n/a
Textile Mill Products	5.9	5.8	5.5	(d)	(d)	(d)	n/a	n/a	n/a
Apparel and Other Textile Products	2.8	2.8	2.7	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Paper and Allied Products	15.6	15.7	16.1	(d)	(d)	(d)	n/a	n/a	n/a
Printing and Publishing	5.4	5.4	5.4	1.7	1.7	1.6	n/a	n/a	n/a
Rubber and Misc. Plastic Products	3.0	3.0	3.0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Leather and Leather Products	10.1	10.0	9.8	1.3	1.3	1.2	2.0	1.8	1.8
Footwear (except Rubber)	8.3	8.1	8.0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Other Nondurable Goods 3/	1.4	1.3	1.4	2.6	2.6	2.9	4.2	4.2	4.2
Service Producing	404.4	398.7	398.9	105.0	105.5	104.0	29.8	29.6	29.1
Transportation and Public Utilities	20.7	21.0	21.5	5.7	5.7	6.0	1.4	1.4	1.4
Wholesale Trade	23.1	22.9	22.8	8.7	8.7	8.5	1.9	1.9	1.9
Retail Trade	103.5	99.5	100.9	26.6	27.2	26.9	8.2	8.1	7.9
General Merchandise Stores	11.2	11.0	11.1	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Food Stores	17.6	17.4	18.0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Eating and Drinking Places	32.1	29.2	31.1	8.3	8.1	8.0	n/a	n/a	n/a
Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate	25.9	25.7	25.3	12.1	12.1	11.9	2.0	2.0	1.9
Banking	8.8	8.8	8.8	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Insurance Carriers, Brokers and Agents	11.7	11.7	11.5	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Services	135.1	132.7	129.9	34.5	34.1	34.2	11.5	11.4	11.4
Hotels and Other Lodging Places	8.2	6.7	7.4	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Business Services	14.1	13.8	13.2	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Health Services	49.5	49.3	48.8	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Federal Government	14.8	15.0	16.4	2.0	2.0	1.9	0.3	0.3	0.3
State Government	27.5	27.7	27.5	5.0	5.2	4.6	0.7	0.7	0.7
Local Government	53.8	54.2	54.6	10.4	10.5	10.0	3.8	3.8	3.6
Involved in Labor-Management Disputes	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

1/ Employment figures relate to full- and part-time wage and salary workers in pay periods including the 12th of the month. Domestic workers in private households, proprietors, self-employed, and unpaid family workers are excluded. 2/ Includes Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) codes: Statewide - 25, 32, 38, 39; Portland - 24, 25, 32, 33, 34, 37, 38, 39. 3/ Includes SIC codes: Statewide - 28, 29; Portland - 20, 22, 23, 26, 30; Lewiston - 20, 22, 23, 26, 27. 4/ Regular teachers are included in summer months whether or not specifically paid in those months. n/a - data not available in sufficient detail for publication. * Less than 50. (d) Nondisclosure item. Source: Nonfarm wage and salary employment by place of work and earnings, and workweek of production workers in manufacturing industries are developed by the Maine Division of Economic Analysis and Research in cooperation with the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Labor Force, Employment and Unemployment

Area 1/	LABOR FORCE 2/ This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	RESIDENT EMPLOYED This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	UNEMPLOYMENT Number This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	UNEMPLOYMENT Percent of Labor Force This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
MAINE-STATEWIDE (000)	614.6	620.6	629.0	569.5	567.1	574.4	45.1	53.5	54.5	7.3	8.6	8.7
MAJOR LABOR MARKETS												
Bangor MSA	49,600	49,700	49,100	46,900	46,500	45,800	2,700	3,200	3,200	5.4	6.5	6.6
Lewiston-Auburn MSA	50,000	50,700	50,500	46,400	46,400	45,800	3,600	4,300	4,700	7.3	8.6	9.2
Portland MSA	118,000	121,100	120,500	112,200	113,900	113,000	5,700	7,200	7,500	4.9	5.9	6.2
Portsmouth-Rochester MSA	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
OTHER LABOR MARKETS												
Augusta	42,870	43,150	44,750	40,160	39,800	41,040	2,710	3,350	3,710	6.3	7.8	8.3
Bath-Brunswick	33,690	33,880	35,130	31,860	31,560	32,700	1,830	2,320	2,430	5.4	6.8	6.9
Belfast	11,610	11,440	11,800	10,550	10,010	10,490	1,060	1,430	1,310	9.1	12.5	11.1
Biddeford	32,190	31,740	33,730	30,160	28,880	30,940	2,030	2,860	2,790	6.3	9.0	8.3
Boothbay Harbor	7,580	7,170	7,730	7,110	6,580	7,130	460	590	600	6.1	8.3	7.8
Bucksport	4,910	4,970	5,010	4,540	4,470	4,570	370	490	440	7.6	9.9	8.8
Calais	5,180	5,190	5,410	4,370	4,420	4,540	810	770	880	15.7	14.8	16.2
Dexter-Pittsfield	12,910	12,760	13,020	11,580	11,170	11,580	1,340	1,590	1,430	10.3	12.4	11.0
Dover-Foxcroft	6,880	7,050	7,240	6,240	6,380	6,470	630	680	770	9.2	9.6	10.7
Ellsworth-Bar Harbor	16,050	15,890	16,450	14,290	13,560	14,470	1,760	2,330	1,980	11.0	14.7	12.0
Farmington	17,850	18,580	18,400	16,320	17,140	16,650	1,530	1,440	1,750	8.5	7.8	9.5
Fort Kent	3,520	3,640	3,770	2,920	3,140	3,070	590	500	700	16.9	13.8	18.7
Greenville	970	1,040	990	820	890	820	150	150	180	15.3	14.6	17.8
Houlton	6,350	6,300	6,520	5,750	5,700	5,850	600	610	670	9.4	9.6	10.3
Jonesport-Milbridge	3,670	3,500	3,610	3,200	2,950	3,060	470	550	550	12.9	15.6	15.3
Kittery-York	19,130	19,380	19,200	18,480	18,480	18,420	660	890	780	3.4	4.6	4.1
Lincoln-Howland	5,570	5,710	5,710	4,940	5,100	5,080	620	620	630	11.2	10.8	11.1
Machias-Eastport	6,720	6,560	6,810	5,890	5,580	5,920	830	990	890	12.4	15.0	13.1
Madawaska	4,100	3,990	4,050	3,670	3,590	3,660	430	400	390	10.5	10.0	9.6
Millinocket-East Millinocket	5,620	5,650	5,910	4,990	5,010	5,290	640	640	620	11.3	11.3	10.5
Norway-Paris	9,930	9,980	10,470	8,850	8,640	9,220	1,080	1,340	1,250	10.9	13.4	11.9
Outer Bangor	6,960	7,110	7,140	6,240	6,280	6,400	710	830	740	10.3	11.7	10.4
Patten-Island Falls	1,960	1,980	1,870	1,710	1,770	1,640	250	210	230	12.8	10.7	12.1
Presque Isle-Caribou	20,920	21,080	22,150	18,370	18,250	19,370	2,540	2,830	2,780	12.2	13.4	12.6
Rockland	20,240	20,120	20,490	19,070	18,500	19,020	1,170	1,620	1,470	5.8	8.1	7.2
Rumford	10,640	11,380	10,480	9,520	10,360	9,350	1,120	1,020	1,130	10.5	9.0	10.7
Sanford	21,350	21,950	21,280	19,850	19,990	19,310	1,500	1,950	1,980	7.0	8.9	9.3
Sebago Lakes Region	11,630	11,920	12,250	10,720	10,900	11,190	900	1,020	1,060	7.8	8.5	8.6
Skowhegan	15,470	15,430	15,870	13,810	13,720	13,910	1,660	1,720	1,960	10.7	11.1	12.4
Stonington	4,970	4,700	5,100	4,660	4,240	4,660	310	460	440	6.2	9.8	8.6
Van Buren	1,510	1,510	1,540	1,310	1,290	1,300	200	220	240	13.1	14.3	15.7
Waterville	24,140	24,450	25,100	22,080	22,070	22,710	2,060	2,380	2,390	8.5	9.7	9.5
NEW ENGLAND STATES (000)												
Connecticut	n/a	n/a	1,779.7	n/a	n/a	1,666.6	n/a	n/a	113.1	n/a	n/a	6.4
Massachusetts	3,097.0	3,141.6	3,119.0	2,916.0	2,932.6	2,914.0	181.0	209.0	205.0	5.8	6.7	6.6
New Hampshire	n/a	n/a	612.1	n/a	n/a	570.0	n/a	n/a	42.1	n/a	n/a	6.9
Rhode Island	n/a	n/a	506.8	n/a	n/a	465.8	n/a	n/a	41.0	n/a	n/a	8.1
Vermont	311.4	314.4	311.8	297.0	297.1	292.5	14.5	17.3	19.4	4.6	5.5	6.2
UNITED STATES(000)	129,682	129,718	126,491	121,604	120,844	117,856	8,078	8,874	8,635	6.2	6.8	6.8

Footnotes

1/ Labor force, employment, and unemployment data for all areas are by place of residence and are not seasonally adjusted. Estimates made independently for each labor market area have been benchmarked to and extrapolated from the Current Population Survey estimates for the state. All data exclude members of the Armed Forces. Data are rounded for publishing purposes. Employment and unemployment may not add to labor force due to rounding. MSA - Metropolitan Statistical Area. n/a indicates that the information was not available at the time of printing.

2/ Current estimates preliminary. Last month and year ago estimates revised.

3/ Kittery-York is the eight-town Maine portion of the Portsmouth-Dover-Rochester MSA which includes towns in both Maine and New Hampshire.

Source: These data are developed by the Maine Division of Economic Analysis and Research in cooperation with the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Mid-Month Insured Unemployment

ITEM	STATEWIDE This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	PORTLAND MSA This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Number of continued-week claimants*	16,539	19,640	15,471	2,156	2,788	2,276	1,376	1,616	1,315

* Continued-week claimants are less partials for week including the 12th of the month.

Civilian Labor Force and Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment in Maine

Seasonally Adjusted in Thousands

ITEM	1993									1994			
	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr
Civilian Labor Force 1/	633.9	632.8	631.4	628.1	629.4	627.8	627.6	626.5	624.4	628.0	632.5	625.1	619.3
Resident Employment	584.9	582.9	580.4	578.0	577.1	575.2	575.9	575.1	574.7	568.6	585.5	582.2	580.0
Unemployment	48.9	49.9	51.0	50.1	52.3	52.6	51.6	51.4	49.7	59.4	43.0	42.9	39.3
Percent of Labor Force	7.7	7.9	8.1	8.0	8.3	8.4	8.2	8.2	8.0	9.5	7.4	6.9	6.4
Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment 2/	517.9	519.6	518.9	519.1	520.3	519.8	521.9	522.2	521.6	517.7	520.9	520.7	524.6
Construction	21.0	21.0	20.4	20.8	20.5	20.4	21.1	21.4	21.7	21.5	21.5	21.5	21.5
Manufacturing, Durable Goods	40.5	40.4	40.3	40.3	40.2	40.3	40.5	40.8	40.8	40.6	41.5	41.5	41.4
Manufacturing, Nondurable Goods	50.8	50.8	50.6	50.7	50.9	50.6	51.1	51.0	51.0	50.6	50.9	51.2	50.9
Transportation and Public Utilities	21.1	22.1	22.1	22.0	22.1	22.1	21.6	21.8	21.9	21.4	21.5	21.3	21.0
Wholesale Trade	23.2	22.5	23.1	23.2	23.2	23.3	23.4	23.4	23.3	23.5	23.4	23.3	23.3
Retail Trade	106.5	107.0	106.9	107.0	107.3	108.0	107.9	107.5	106.8	106.2	106.2	106.1	108.8
Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate	25.6	25.6	25.7	25.7	25.9	25.8	25.9	26.1	26.0	25.9	25.9	26.0	26.2
Services	132.7	134.1	134.6	133.3	134.1	135.2	136.3	136.5	136.7	135.8	136.4	136.6	138.1
Government	94.6	95.2	95.1	95.9	95.9	93.9	94.0	93.6	93.3	92.1	93.4	93.2	93.3

1/ Place of residence. 2/ Place of work.

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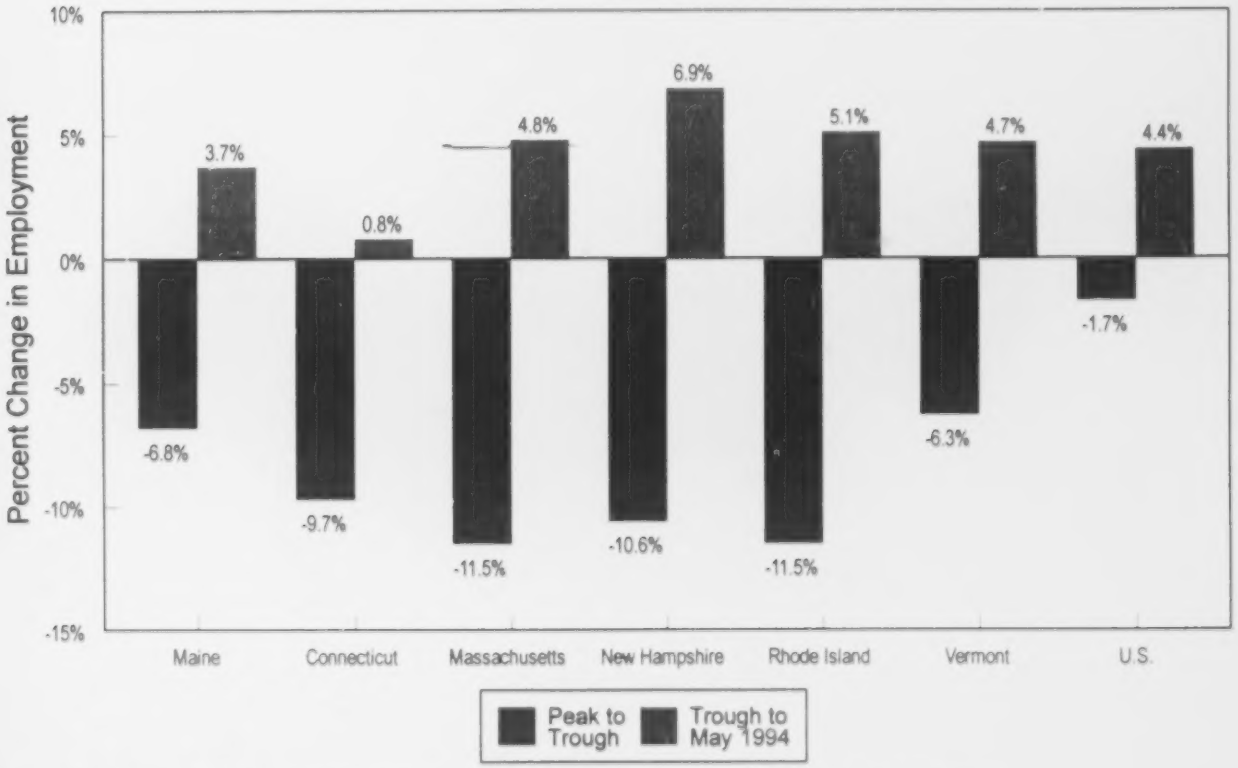
(Seasonally Adjusted)



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Trough: Lowest monthly employment level reached after peak.

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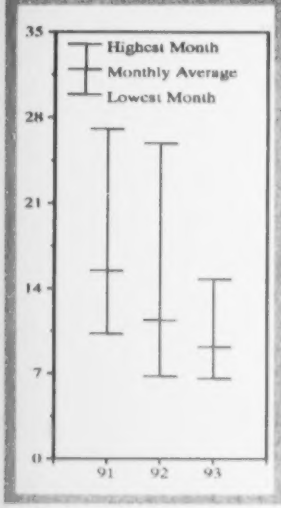

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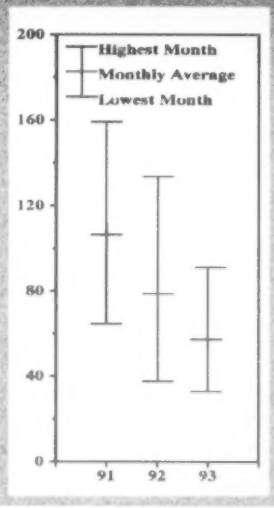
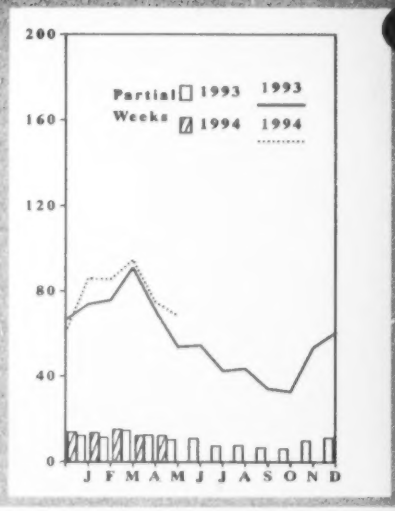




Seasonally Adjusted Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment
New England States and the U.S.
(in thousands)

State	Peak*	Trough*	May 1994	Change	
				Peak to Trough	Trough to May 1994
Connecticut (Feb. 1989)	1,686.0	1,522.0	1,534.8	-164.0	12.8
Massachusetts (Dec. 1988)	3,149.1	2,786.0	2,920.7	-363.1	134.7
Maine (June 1989)	545.2	508.1	526.9	-37.1	18.8
New Hampshire (Jan. 1989)	535.7	478.8	511.9	-56.9	33.1
Rhode Island (June 1989)	467.1	413.3	434.5	-53.8	21.2
Vermont (June 1989)	263.7	247.2	258.7	-16.5	11.5
United States (June 1990)	109,911.0	108,067.0	112,847.0	-1,844.0	4,780.0

*Peak is the highest monthly employment level reached prior to the national recession of July 1990 - March 1991. Trough is the lowest monthly employment level reached after the peak.

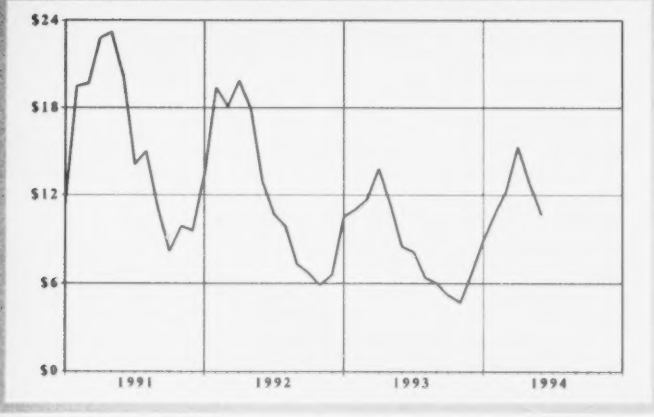
Source: U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Selected Employment Security Activities

Unemployment Insurance Benefit Payments

In Millions

(Total Includes Maine's Portion of Extended Benefits)



Unemployment Compensation Fund Balance

In Millions

(End of Month)

Earnings and Workweek of Production Workers in Manufacturing Industries

AREA AND INDUSTRY	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS			ANNUAL AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	1991	1992	1993
STATEWIDE												
Manufacturing	$477.46	$480.62	$471.77	40.6	40.8	40.6	$11.76	$11.78	$11.62	$11.08	$11.38	$11.63
Durable Goods	465.20	470.34	456.52	40.0	40.2	40.4	11.63	11.70	11.30	10.61	11.14	11.43
Lumber and Wood Products	386.26	381.97	374.88	41.4	41.7	41.7	9.33	9.16	8.99	8.97	9.25	9.33
Primary and Fabricated Metals	445.11	443.69	474.12	40.1	39.9	43.9	11.10	11.12	10.80	10.18	10.45	11.00
Industrial Machinery and Equipment	625.29	638.91	541.20	44.6	45.8	41.0	14.02	13.95	13.20	12.43	12.82	13.32
Electronic and Other Electric Equipment	401.32	400.72	406.64	38.7	38.2	39.1	10.37	10.49	10.40	9.91	10.02	10.33
Transportation Equipment	552.96	574.53	558.83	37.9	38.2	38.7	14.59	15.04	14.44	12.55	14.09	14.64
Other Durable Goods	384.56	364.51	364.27	40.1	40.1	40.7	9.59	9.09	8.95	8.57	8.86	8.89
Nondurable Goods	486.26	488.99	483.89	41.0	41.3	40.8	11.86	11.84	11.86	11.48	11.57	11.79
Food and Kindred Products	348.23	335.74	353.44	35.9	34.4	37.6	9.70	9.76	9.40	8.76	9.15	9.34
Textile Mill Products	424.84	417.31	402.57	44.3	47.1	42.6	9.59	8.86	9.45	8.82	9.03	9.49
Apparel and Other Textile Products	287.07	288.56	285.68	36.2	36.9	35.8	7.93	7.82	7.98	7.28	7.65	7.95
Paper and Allied Products	743.16	752.58	745.71	44.0	44.4	44.6	16.89	16.95	16.72	16.06	16.25	16.63
Leather and Leather Products	318.72	316.61	305.63	39.3	38.8	38.3	8.11	8.16	7.98	7.82	7.92	8.00
Other Nondurable Goods	424.68	429.45	407.40	40.6	40.4	39.4	10.46	10.63	10.34	9.85	10.07	10.28
PORTLAND MSA												
Manufacturing	430.00	418.70	412.80	38.6	39.5	38.4	11.14	10.60	10.75	10.45	10.55	10.68
LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA												
Manufacturing	388.85	398.90	388.68	39.8	42.8	39.3	9.77	9.32	9.89	9.33	9.53	9.82

Female Labor Force in Maine

In Thousands

ITEM[1/]	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Labor Force	298.4	288.5	290.0
Unemployment	17.1	18.4	23.5
(Percent)	5.7%	6.4%	8.1%
Resident Employed	281.3	270.1	266.5

1/ Current figures preliminary; last month and year ago figures revised.
Source: Female labor force estimates are developed by, and solely the responsibility of, the Maine Division of Economic Analysis and Research.

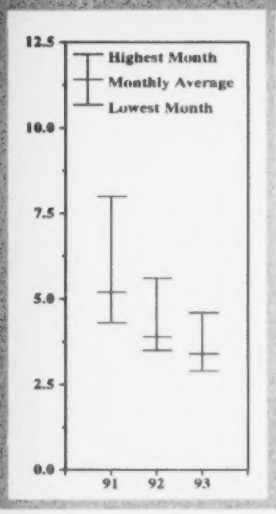
U.S. Consumer Price Index

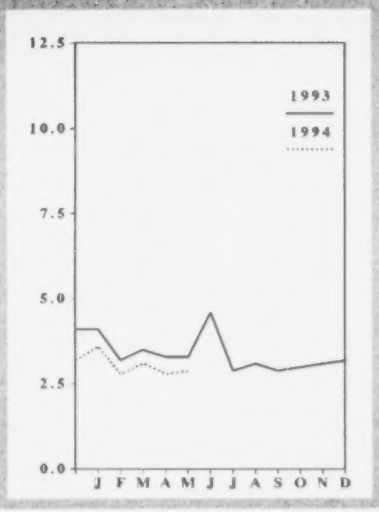
BASE PERIOD (1982-1984 = 100) All Items (CPI-U)	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	Last Dec.
	147.5	147.4	144.2	144.5

Percent Change for Past Month	+0.1%
Percent Change from Last December	+2.1%
Percent Change from 12 Months Ago	+2.3%

New Applications For Work

In Thousands

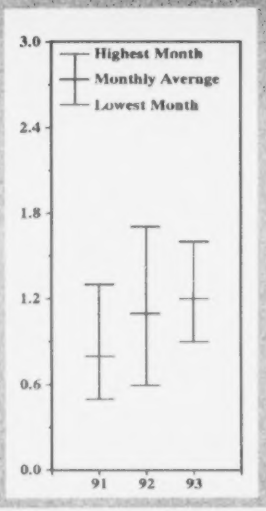


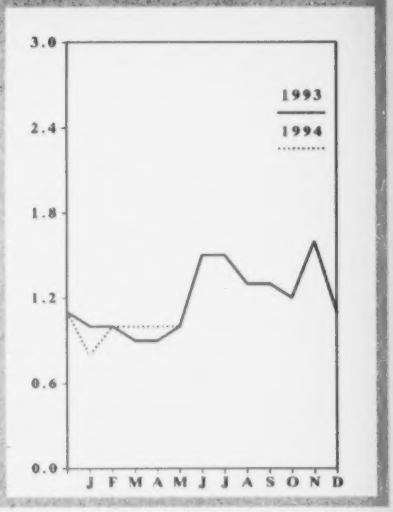


Nonfarm Placements

In Thousands

(Excludes Placements of Less than Three Days Duration)





Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment by Place of Work (In Thousands)

ITEM	STATEWIDE THIS MONTH	STATEWIDE LAST MONTH	STATEWIDE YEAR AGO	PORTLAND MSA THIS MONTH	PORTLAND MSA LAST MONTH	PORTLAND MSA YEAR AGO	LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA THIS MONTH	LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA LAST MONTH	LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA YEAR AGO
Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment 1/	525.3	513.9	519.8	125.6	123.5	124.7	40.0	39.5	39.6
Goods Producing	113.8	110.3	111.7	18.9	18.5	19.0	10.1	9.7	10.0
Construction and Mining	22.3	19.6	21.6	5.4	5.1	5.6	1.6	1.4	1.6
Building Construction	5.5	4.7	5.4	1.2	1.2	1.5	n/a	n/a	n/a
Special Trade Contractors	12.4	11.4	11.9	3.7	3.4	3.5	n/a	n/a	n/a
Manufacturing	91.5	90.7	90.1	13.5	13.4	13.4	8.5	8.3	8.4
Durable Goods	40.4	40.3	39.3	6.1	6.0	5.8	2.1	2.1	2.3
Lumber and Wood Products	9.9	10.0	9.5	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Primary and Fabricated Metals	3.4	3.4	3.3	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Industrial Machinery and Equipment	4.2	4.1	3.7	1.4	1.3	1.2	n/a	n/a	n/a
Electronic and other Elect. Equip.	6.9	6.9	6.7	2.0	1.9	2.0	n/a	n/a	n/a
Transportation Equipment	12.2	12.3	12.2	(d)	(d)	(d)	n/a	n/a	n/a
Other Durable Goods 2/	3.8	3.6	3.9	2.7	2.8	2.6	n/a	n/a	n/a
Nondurable Goods	51.1	50.4	50.8	7.4	7.4	7.6	6.4	6.2	6.1
Food and Kindred Products	6.4	6.2	6.4	1.8	1.8	2.0	n/a	n/a	n/a
Textile Mill Products	5.8	5.9	5.6	(d)	(d)	(d)	n/a	n/a	n/a
Apparel and Other Textile Products	2.8	2.8	2.8	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Paper and Allied Products	15.7	15.6	16.2	(d)	(d)	(d)	n/a	n/a	n/a
Printing and Publishing	5.5	5.4	5.4	1.7	1.7	1.6	n/a	n/a	n/a
Rubber and Misc. Plastic Products	3.0	3.0	3.0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Leather and Leather Products	10.3	10.1	9.9	1.3	1.3	1.2	2.1	2.0	1.8
Footwear (except Rubber)	8.4	8.3	8.1	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Other Nondurable Goods 3/	1.6	1.4	1.5	2.6	2.6	2.8	4.3	4.2	4.3
Service Producing	411.5	403.6	408.1	106.7	105.0	105.7	29.9	29.8	29.6
Transportation and Public Utilities	21.0	20.6	21.9	5.9	5.7	6.0	1.4	1.4	1.4
Wholesale Trade	23.3	23.1	23.2	8.6	8.7	8.6	1.9	1.9	1.9
Retail Trade	107.8	103.5	105.7	28.1	26.6	27.3	8.2	8.2	8.1
General Merchandise Stores	11.4	11.3	11.1	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Food Stores	17.8	17.6	18.6	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Eating and Drinking Places	35.4	32.1	34.2	9.0	8.3	8.4	n/a	n/a	n/a
Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate	26.1	25.8	25.6	12.1	12.1	12.1	2.0	2.0	1.9
Banking	8.9	8.8	8.9	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Insurance Carriers, Brokers and Agents	11.7	11.7	11.5	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Services	137.1	134.6	133.9	34.6	34.5	35.1	11.6	11.5	11.6
Hotels and Other Lodging Places	9.8	8.2	9.4	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Business Services	14.2	14.2	13.8	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Health Services	49.6	49.5	49.2	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Federal Government	14.7	14.8	15.9	2.1	2.0	1.9	0.3	0.3	0.3
State Government	26.8	27.4	26.5	4.9	5.0	4.5	0.7	0.7	0.7
Local Government	54.7	53.8	55.4	10.4	10.4	10.2	3.8	3.8	3.7
Involved in Labor-Management Disputes	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

1/ Employment figures relate to full- and part-time wage and salary workers in pay periods including the 12th of the month. Domestic workers in private households, proprietors, self-employed, and unpaid family workers are excluded. 2/ Includes Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) codes: Statewide - 25, 32, 38, 39; Portland - 24, 25, 32, 33, 34, 37, 38, 39. 3/ Includes SIC codes: Statewide - 28, 29; Portland - 20, 22, 23, 26, 30; Lewiston - 20, 22, 23, 26, 27. 4/ Regular teachers are included in summer months whether or not specifically paid in those months. n/a - data not available in sufficient detail for publication. * Less than 50. (d) Nondisclosure item. Source: Nonfarm wage and salary employment by place of work and earnings, and workweek of production workers in manufacturing industries are developed by the Maine Division of Economic Analysis and Research in cooperation with the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Labor Force, Employment and Unemployment

Area 1/	LABOR FORCE 2/ This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	RESIDENT EMPLOYED This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	UNEMPLOYMENT Number This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	UNEMPLOYMENT Percent of Labor Force This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
MAINE-STATEWIDE (000)	618.3	614.9	635.2	578.1	569.3	584.6	40.2	45.6	50.5	6.5	7.4	8.0
MAJOR LABOR MARKETS												
Bangor MSA	49,100	49,500	48,600	46,800	46,900	45,600	2,400	2,700	2,900	4.8	5.4	6.0
Lewiston-Auburn MSA	49,400	50,100	50,500	46,100	46,400	46,100	3,300	3,700	4,400	6.7	7.4	8.8
Portland MSA	118,000	118,000	121,100	112,900	112,200	113,900	5,100	5,800	7,100	4.3	4.9	5.9
Portsmouth-Rochester MSA	n/a	n/a	120,500	n/a	n/a	114,300	n/a	n/a	6,200	n/a	n/a	5.2
OTHER LABOR MARKETS												
Augusta	43,000	42,880	45,370	40,560	40,150	42,020	2,440	2,730	3,350	5.7	6.4	7.4
Bath-Brunswick	33,590	33,710	34,830	32,140	31,850	32,710	1,450	1,860	2,110	4.3	5.5	6.1
Belfast	11,680	11,640	11,980	10,810	10,550	10,840	860	1,090	1,140	7.4	9.4	9.5
Biddeford	34,110	32,210	35,800	32,420	30,150	33,340	1,690	2,060	2,460	5.0	6.4	6.9
Boothbay Harbor	8,110	7,580	8,250	7,760	7,110	7,790	360	470	460	4.4	6.2	5.5
Bucksport	4,970	4,920	5,200	4,660	4,540	4,810	310	380	390	6.2	7.7	7.5
Calais	5,260	5,190	5,550	4,550	4,370	4,670	720	820	870	13.6	15.8	15.7
Dexter-Pittsfield	13,010	12,910	13,060	11,760	11,570	11,660	1,250	1,340	1,400	9.6	10.4	10.7
Dover-Foxcroft	6,950	6,880	7,290	6,370	6,240	6,530	580	640	760	8.3	9.3	10.5
Ellsworth-Bar Harbor	17,040	16,070	17,520	15,790	14,290	16,020	1,250	1,780	1,490	7.3	11.1	8.5
Farmington	17,510	17,860	18,260	15,970	16,320	16,570	1,550	1,540	1,690	8.8	8.6	9.3
Fort Kent	3,560	3,550	3,690	2,890	2,920	3,020	670	620	670	18.8	17.6	18.2
Greenville	1,080	970	1,060	940	820	930	140	150	130	12.9	15.1	11.9
Houlton	6,500	6,360	6,580	5,900	5,750	5,970	600	610	610	9.3	9.6	9.3
Jonesport-Milbridge	3,660	3,680	3,720	3,280	3,200	3,200	380	480	530	10.3	13.1	14.2
Kittery-York	18,810	19,120	19,260	18,280	18,440	18,530	530	690	740	2.8	3.6	3.8
Lincoln-Howland	5,620	5,580	5,660	4,980	4,940	5,070	640	630	590	11.4	11.4	10.4
Machias-Eastport	6,740	6,730	6,910	6,010	5,890	6,070	720	840	850	10.7	12.5	12.2
Madawaska	4,190	4,090	4,170	3,840	3,670	3,830	350	420	340	8.3	10.3	8.0
Millinocket-East Millinocket	5,650	5,630	5,790	5,000	4,990	5,260	650	650	530	11.6	11.5	9.1
Norway-Paris	9,920	9,930	10,530	8,950	8,850	9,410	960	1,080	1,120	9.7	10.9	10.6
Outer Bangor	7,280	6,960	7,100	6,620	6,240	6,430	650	720	670	9.0	10.3	9.5
Patten-Island Falls	2,010	1,950	1,870	1,740	1,710	1,630	270	250	250	13.5	12.7	13.1
Presque Isle-Caribou	20,730	20,930	22,070	18,370	18,370	19,530	2,360	2,560	2,550	11.4	12.2	11.5
Rockland	20,860	20,250	21,510	19,950	19,070	19,830	910	1,180	1,670	4.4	5.8	7.8
Rumford	10,120	10,660	10,070	9,060	9,520	8,960	1,060	1,140	1,110	10.4	10.7	11.1
Sanford	21,040	21,360	21,010	19,770	19,850	19,190	1,270	1,510	1,820	6.0	7.1	8.6
Sebago Lakes Region	11,920	11,630	12,690	11,160	10,720	11,700	760	910	980	6.4	7.8	7.7
Skowhegan	15,900	15,480	16,180	14,260	13,810	14,390	1,640	1,670	1,780	10.3	10.8	11.0
Stonington	5,170	4,970	5,330	4,940	4,660	4,990	230	310	340	4.4	6.1	6.4
Van Buren	1,500	1,510	1,550	1,320	1,310	1,320	180	200	230	12.0	13.0	14.9
Waterville	24,250	24,140	25,190	22,260	22,070	22,810	1,990	2,070	2,380	8.2	8.6	9.5
NEW ENGLAND STATES (000)												
Connecticut	n/a	n/a	1,797.4	n/a	n/a	1,683.1	n/a	n/a	114.3	n/a	n/a	6.4
Massachusetts	3,155.0	3,097.0	3,148.0	2,972.0	2,916.0	2,942.0	183.0	181.0	206.0	5.8	5.8	6.6
New Hampshire	n/a	n/a	615.5	n/a	n/a	577.3	n/a	n/a	38.2	n/a	n/a	6.2
Rhode Island	n/a	n/a	509.2	n/a	n/a	470.5	n/a	n/a	38.7	n/a	n/a	7.6
Vermont	n/a	n/a	314.1	n/a	n/a	297.7	n/a	n/a	16.4	n/a	n/a	5.2
UNITED STATES (000)	130,602	129,682	127,807	122,946	121,604	119,201	7,656	8,078	8,606	5.9	6.2	6.7

Footnotes

1/ Labor force, employment, and unemployment data for all areas are by place of residence and are not seasonally adjusted. Estimates made independently for each labor market area have been benchmarked to and extrapolated from the Current Population Survey estimates for the state. All data exclude members of the Armed Forces. Data are rounded for publishing purposes. Employment and unemployment may not add to labor force due to rounding. MSA - Metropolitan Statistical Area. n/a indicates that the information was not available at the time of printing.

2/ Current estimates preliminary. Last month and year ago estimates revised.

3/ Kittery-York is the eight-town Maine portion of the Portsmouth-Dover-Rochester MSA which includes towns in both Maine and New Hampshire.

Source: These data are developed by the Maine Division of Economic Analysis and Research in cooperation with the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Mid-Month Insured Unemployment

ITEM	STATEWIDE This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	PORTLAND MSA This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Number of continued-week claimants*	13,630	17,075	11,607	1,869	2,232	1,875	1,184	1,427	1,040

• Continued-week claimants are less partials for week including the 12th of the month.

Civilian Labor Force and Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment in Maine

Seasonally Adjusted in Thousands

ITEM	1993								1994				
	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May
Civilian Labor Force 1/	632.8	631.4	628.1	629.4	627.8	627.6	626.5	624.4	628.0	632.5	625.1	619.6	615.9
Resident Employment	582.9	580.4	578.0	577.1	575.2	575.9	575.1	574.7	568.6	585.5	582.2	579.8	576.4
Unemployment	49.9	51.0	50.1	52.3	52.6	51.6	51.4	49.7	59.4	43.0	42.9	39.8	39.6
Percent of Labor Force	7.9	8.1	8.0	8.3	8.4	8.2	8.2	8.0	9.5	7.4	6.9	6.4	6.4
Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment 2/	519.6	518.9	519.1	520.3	519.8	521.9	522.2	521.6	517.7	520.9	520.8	524.0	527.0
Construction	21.0	20.4	20.8	20.5	20.4	21.1	21.4	21.7	21.5	21.5	21.5	21.5	22.1
Manufacturing, Durable Goods	40.4	40.3	40.3	40.2	40.3	40.5	40.8	40.8	40.6	41.5	41.5	41.5	41.4
Manufacturing, Nondurable Goods	50.8	50.6	50.7	50.9	50.6	51.1	51.0	51.0	50.6	50.9	51.2	51.0	51.3
Transportation and Public Utilities	22.1	22.1	22.0	22.1	22.1	21.6	21.8	21.9	21.4	21.5	21.3	20.9	21.1
Wholesale Trade	22.5	23.1	23.2	23.2	23.3	23.4	23.4	23.3	23.5	23.4	23.3	23.3	23.2
Retail Trade	107.0	106.9	107.0	107.3	108.0	107.9	107.5	106.8	106.2	106.2	106.1	108.8	109.6
Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate	25.6	25.7	25.7	25.9	25.8	25.9	26.1	26.0	25.9	25.9	26.0	26.1	25.9
Services	134.1	134.6	133.3	134.1	135.2	136.3	136.5	136.7	135.8	136.4	136.6	137.6	138.5
Government	95.2	95.1	95.9	95.9	93.9	94.0	93.6	93.3	92.1	93.4	93.2	93.2	93.8

1/ Place of residence. 2/ Place of work.

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Small Business Formations Up

Broad trends at work in the U.S. economy in the last decade have done much to level the playing field between large and small businesses. A number of factors contributed to this trend, including the increasing affordability, availability, and quality of computer hardware and software; the reduced cost and proliferation of telecommunication services; and deregulation of trucking, financial services, and air transportation.

Improved access to capital and technology by small businesses and growing international competition unleashed a new level of competition in markets for products and services once the sole domain of the very largest companies. Greater competition forced many big businesses to improve productivity and customer service, but also revealed the Achilles' heel of size: by their nature, large organizations have difficultly responding quickly to new challenges in the marketplace. Smaller businesses are able to maintain a level of flexibility and responsiveness that larger businesses have difficulty achieving.

Facing greater competition and the need to improve productivity, many large businesses responded by restructuring operations, contracting out non-core functions such as payroll administration and janitorial services, and slashing employment. The magnitude of the layoff announcements at IBM, General Motors, and other giants gained widespread publicity.

Gaining much less attention is another important trend: the number of small businesses is growing at a very rapid rate. According to a Small Business Administration report, during the 1980s the number of jobs in the top 500 U.S. industrial companies declined at a rate of 400,000 per year. Small businesses created 20 million net new jobs during the same period and, the report says, that trend accelerated after 1988.

The direct impact of the national downsizings has been limited in Maine. Since 1989 employment among many of Maine's largest businesses has declined due primarily to the economic downturn of the early 1990s. But like the national trend, the number of very small businesses in Maine has grown rapidly in recent years. Between 1989 and 1993, the number of private sector businesses* employing fewer than 20 workers increased by nearly 1,200, and the number of net new jobs increased by nearly 4,000. The number of businesses employing more than 20 workers declined by nearly 100, and the net number of jobs dropped by nearly 20,000 during the same period.

This trend occurred in all major industry divisions, except construction and services. Employment and the number of businesses declined in all size classes in the construction industry, and increased in all size classes in services.

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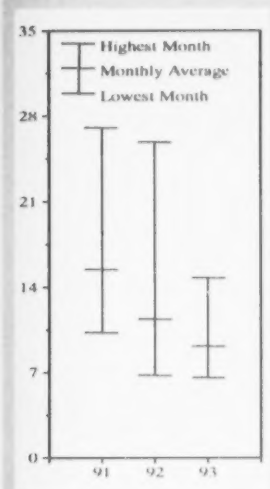
UI Initial Claims
In Thousands



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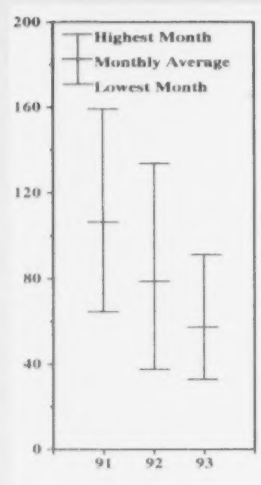
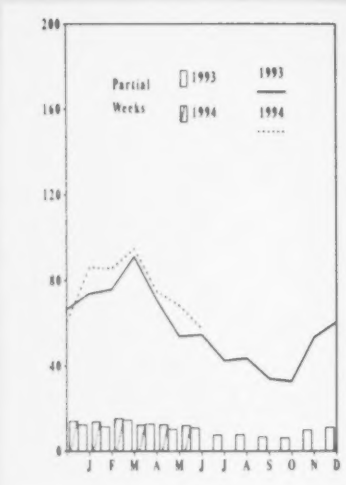


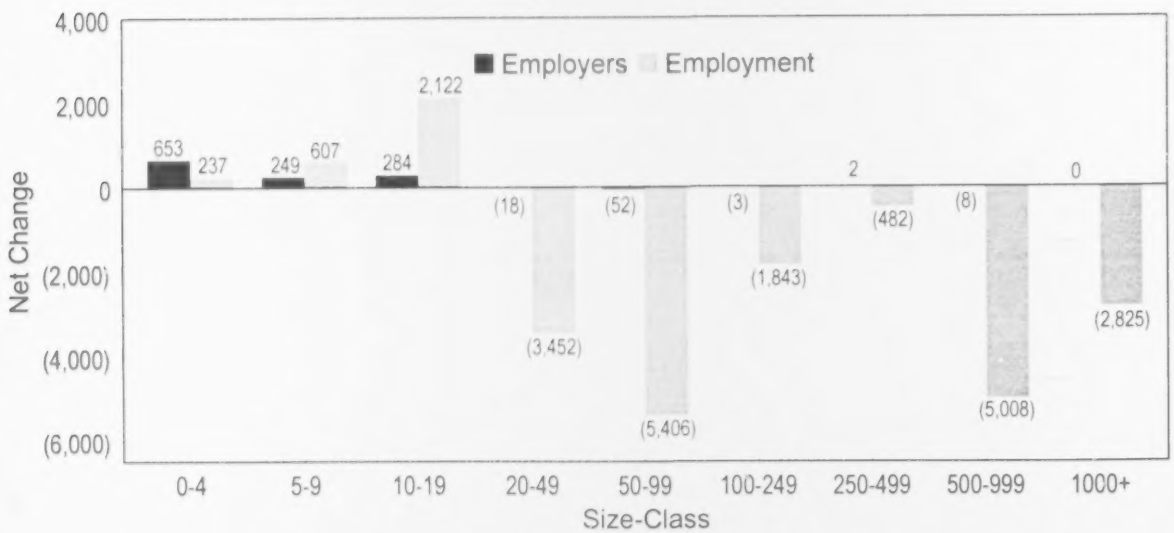


Most of the new small businesses were in wholesale and retail trade, services, and manufacturing. The losses of large firms were mainly in construction, manufacturing, and wholesale trade. Some of the growth in the number of small businesses was from larger firms downsizing into smaller size classes, but most of the growth was from the establishment of new businesses.

* *Data for establishments covered under the Maine Employment Security Law.*

by Glenn Mills
Sr. Economic Research Analyst

Change in Employers and Employment by Size Class
Maine, 1989 to 1993



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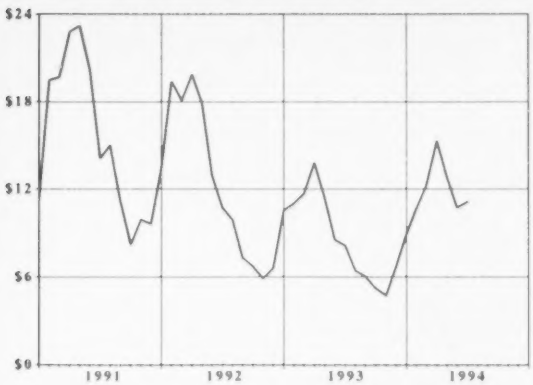
Selected Employment Security Activities

Unemployment Insurance Benefit Payments

In Millions

(Total Includes Maine's Portion of Extended Benefits)



Unemployment Compensation Fund Balance

In Millions

(End of Month)

Earnings and Workweek of Production Workers in Manufacturing Industries

AREA AND INDUSTRY	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS This Month	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS Last Month	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS Year Ago	AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS This Month	AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS Last Month	AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS Year Ago	AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS This Month	AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS Last Month	AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS Year Ago	ANNUAL AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS 1991	ANNUAL AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS 1992	ANNUAL AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS 1993
STATEWIDE												
Manufacturing	$480.79	$477.46	$473.21	40.2	40.6	40.9	$11.96	$11.76	$11.57	$11.08	$11.38	$11.63
Durable Goods	461.64	465.16	465.44	39.9	40.1	40.9	11.57	11.60	11.38	10.61	11.14	11.43
Lumber and Wood Products	380.28	385.02	379.26	41.2	41.4	42.0	9.23	9.30	9.03	8.97	9.25	9.33
Primary and Fabricated Metals	450.73	442.40	480.49	41.2	40.0	43.8	10.94	11.06	10.97	10.18	10.45	11.00
Industrial Machinery and Equipment	610.06	622.17	560.03	44.4	44.6	41.7	13.74	13.95	13.43	12.43	12.82	13.32
Electronic and Other Electric Equipment	395.86	401.32	409.62	37.1	38.7	38.9	10.67	10.37	10.53	9.91	10.02	10.33
Transportation Equipment	556.37	552.96	585.86	37.9	37.9	40.1	14.68	14.59	14.61	12.55	14.09	14.64
Other Durable Goods	378.39	389.37	366.53	40.6	40.9	40.5	9.32	9.52	9.05	8.57	8.86	8.89
Nondurable Goods	495.71	486.30	480.93	40.4	40.9	41.0	12.27	11.89	11.73	11.48	11.57	11.79
Food and Kindred Products	328.52	346.65	343.71	34.4	35.7	36.8	9.55	9.71	9.34	8.76	9.15	9.34
Textile Mill Products	428.64	422.40	402.40	41.9	44.0	42.9	10.23	9.60	9.38	8.82	9.03	9.49
Apparel and Other Textile Products	312.04	287.07	284.46	35.5	36.2	36.8	8.79	7.93	7.73	7.28	7.65	7.95
Paper and Allied Products	776.14	743.16	735.59	43.8	44.0	44.5	17.72	16.89	16.53	16.06	16.25	16.63
Leather and Leather Products	320.10	320.19	310.76	38.8	39.0	38.7	8.25	8.21	8.03	7.82	7.92	8.00
Other Nondurable Goods	425.80	424.27	409.02	41.1	40.6	40.1	10.36	10.45	10.20	9.85	10.07	10.28
PORTLAND MSA												
Manufacturing	419.76	414.95	432.06	39.6	38.6	39.1	10.60	10.75	11.05	10.45	10.55	10.68
LEWISTON.AUBURN MSA												
Manufacturing	399.91	388.85	393.82	39.4	39.8	40.6	10.15	9.77	9.70	9.33	9.53	9.82

Female Labor Force in Maine

In Thousands

ITEM[1/]	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Labor Force	295.9	296.9	306.7
Unemployment	14.2	15.5	25.5
(Percent)	4.8%	5.2%	8.3%
Resident Employed	281.7	281.4	281.2

U.S. Consumer Price Index

BASE PERIOD (1982-1984 = 100) All Items (CPI-U)	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	Last Dec.
	148.0	147.5	144.4	145.8

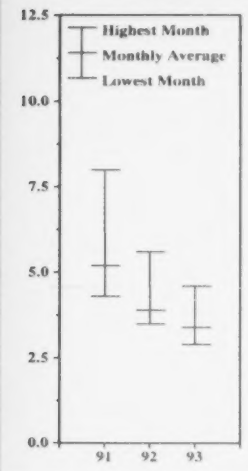
Percent Change for Past Month	+0.3%
Percent Change from Last December	+1.5%
Percent Change from 12 Months Ago	+2.5%

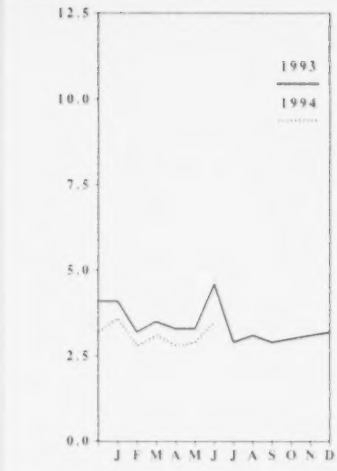
1/ Current figures preliminary; last month and year ago figures revised.

Source: Female labor force estimates are developed by, and solely the responsibility of, the Maine Division of Economic Analysis and Research.

New Applications For Work

In Thousands

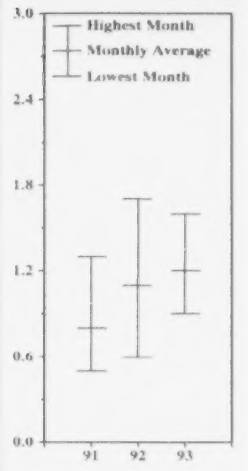


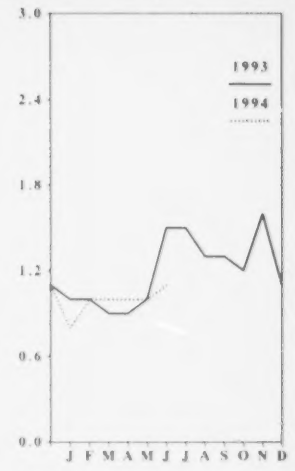


Nonfarm Placements

In Thousands

(Excludes Placements of Less than Three Days Duration)





Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment by Place of Work (In Thousands)

ITEM	STATEWIDE			PORTLAND MSA			LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA		
	THIS MONTH	LAST MONTH	YEAR AGO	THIS MONTH	LAST MONTH	YEAR AGO	THIS MONTH	LAST MONTH	YEAR AGO
Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment 1/	534.4	526.0	530.9	127.0	125.7	126.3	40.6	40.1	39.5
Goods Producing	116.2	113.9	114.4	19.4	18.9	19.0	10.3	10.1	10.2
Construction and Mining	23.2	22.3	22.8	5.7	5.4	5.6	1.7	1.6	1.7
Building Construction	5.5	5.5	5.3	1.2	1.2	1.2	n/a	n/a	n/a
Special Trade Contractors	13.0	12.4	12.8	3.8	3.7	3.7	n/a	n/a	n/a
Manufacturing	93.0	91.6	91.6	13.7	13.5	13.4	8.6	8.5	8.5
Durable Goods	41.2	40.5	40.3	6.1	6.1	5.9	2.2	2.1	2.3
Lumber and Wood Products	10.5	10.0	10.4	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Primary and Fabricated Metals	3.4	3.4	3.3	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Industrial Machinery and Equipment	4.3	4.2	3.7	1.4	1.4	1.2	n/a	n/a	n/a
Electronic and other Elect. Equip	6.9	6.9	6.7	2.0	2.0	2.0	n/a	n/a	n/a
Transportation Equipment	12.2	12.2	12.1	(d)	(d)	(d)	n/a	n/a	n/a
Other Durable Goods 2/	3.9	3.8	4.1	2.7	2.7	2.7	n/a	n/a	n/a
Nondurable Goods	51.8	51.1	51.3	7.6	7.4	7.5	6.4	6.4	6.2
Food and Kindred Products	6.6	6.4	6.5	1.9	1.8	2.0	n/a	n/a	n/a
Textile Mill Products	5.8	5.8	5.6	(d)	(d)	(d)	n/a	n/a	n/a
Apparel and Other Textile Products	2.7	2.8	2.8	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Paper and Allied Products	15.7	15.7	16.3	(d)	(d)	(d)	n/a	n/a	n/a
Printing and Publishing	5.5	5.5	5.4	1.7	1.7	1.6	n/a	n/a	n/a
Rubber and Misc. Plastic Products	3.1	3.0	3.1	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Leather and Leather Products	10.6	10.3	10.0	1.3	1.3	1.2	2.1	2.1	1.8
Footwear (except Rubber)	8.7	8.4	8.1	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Other Nondurable Goods 3/	1.8	1.6	1.6	2.7	2.6	2.7	4.3	4.3	4.4
Service Producing	418.2	412.1	416.5	107.6	106.8	107.3	30.3	30.0	29.3
Transportation and Public Utilities	21.8	20.9	22.4	6.0	6.0	6.0	1.5	1.4	1.4
Wholesale Trade	23.4	23.3	23.5	8.6	8.6	8.7	1.9	1.9	1.9
Retail Trade	113.3	108.3	110.9	29.4	28.1	28.1	8.5	8.3	8.1
General Merchandise Stores	11.5	11.4	11.3	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Food Stores	18.8	18.0	19.3	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Eating and Drinking Places	38.7	35.5	37.7	9.4	9.0	8.9	n/a	n/a	n/a
Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate	26.2	26.1	26.0	12.1	12.1	12.3	2.0	2.0	1.9
Banking	9.1	8.9	9.0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Insurance Carriers, Brokers and Agents	11.7	11.7	11.6	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Services	139.8	137.3	137.9	35.2	34.6	36.0	11.8	11.6	11.5
Hotels and Other Lodging Places	12.1	9.8	11.5	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Business Services	14.6	14.1	14.2	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Health Services	49.9	49.6	49.6	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Federal Government	14.6	14.7	16.0	2.1	2.1	2.0	0.3	0.3	0.3
State Government	23.9	26.8	24.3	3.9	4.9	3.8	0.6	0.7	0.6
Local Government	55.2	54.7	55.5	10.3	10.4	10.4	3.7	3.8	3.6
Involved in Labor-Management Disputes	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

1/ Employment figures relate to full- and part-time wage and salary workers in pay periods including the 12th of the month. Domestic workers in private households, proprietors, self-employed, and unpaid family workers are excluded. 2/ Includes Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) codes: Statewide - 25, 32, 38, 39; Portland - 24, 25, 32, 33, 34, 37, 38, 39. 3/ Includes SIC codes: Statewide - 28, 29; Portland - 20, 22, 23, 26, 30; Lewiston - 20, 22, 23, 26, 27. 4/ Regular teachers are included in summer months whether or not specifically paid in those months. n/a - data not available in sufficient detail for publication. * Less than 50. (d) Nondisclosure item. Source: Nonfarm wage and salary employment by place of work and earnings, and workweek of production workers in manufacturing industries are developed by the Maine Division of Economic Analysis and Research in cooperation with the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Labor Force, Employment and Unemployment

Area 1/	LABOR FORCE 2/ This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	RESIDENT EMPLOYED This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	UNEMPLOYMENT Number This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	UNEMPLOYMENT Percent of Labor Force This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
MAINE-STATEWIDE (000)	627.4	614.3	647.5	589.5	578.4	596.6	37.9	35.9	50.9	6.0	5.8	7.9
MAJOR LABOR MARKETS												
Bangor MSA	48,500	48,900	48,300	46,300	46,800	45,400	2,200	2,100	3,000	4.6	4.3	6.2
Lewiston-Auburn MSA	49,800	49,100	50,600	46,500	46,100	46,000	3,300	3,000	4,600	6.7	6.0	9.0
Portland MSA	119,000	117,500	122,300	113,600	113,000	114,600	5,400	4,600	7,700	4.5	3.9	6.3
Portsmouth-Rochester MSA	n/a	n/a	121,500	n/a	n/a	115,300	n/a	n/a	6,200	n/a	n/a	5.1
OTHER LABOR MARKETS												
Augusta	43,120	42,760	45,920	40,870	40,580	42,530	2,250	2,190	3,390	5.2	5.1	7.4
Bath-Brunswick	33,450	33,430	35,020	32,160	32,150	32,860	1,290	1,290	2,160	3.9	3.8	6.2
Belfast	11,930	11,590	12,310	11,170	10,820	11,230	750	780	1,080	6.3	6.7	8.8
Biddeford	36,270	33,950	38,060	34,740	32,430	35,690	1,530	1,520	2,380	4.2	4.5	6.2
Boothbay Harbor	9,060	8,070	9,130	8,730	7,760	8,680	330	310	450	3.6	3.9	5.0
Bucksport	5,040	4,930	5,230	4,760	4,660	4,890	280	280	340	5.6	5.6	6.4
Calais	5,260	5,190	5,560	4,630	4,550	4,690	630	640	870	12.0	12.3	15.6
Dexter-Pittsfield	13,220	12,880	13,370	12,100	11,770	11,960	1,120	1,110	1,410	8.5	8.6	10.5
Dover-Foxcroft	7,060	6,890	7,320	6,540	6,370	6,660	520	520	660	7.4	7.5	9.1
Ellsworth-Bar Harbor	18,900	16,910	19,470	17,950	15,800	18,110	940	1,110	1,360	5.0	6.6	7.0
Farmington	17,220	17,350	18,410	15,990	15,970	16,720	1,230	1,370	1,690	7.1	7.9	9.2
Fort Kent	3,700	3,490	3,880	3,160	2,890	3,200	540	600	680	14.6	17.1	17.6
Greenville	1,180	1,060	1,210	1,080	940	1,090	100	120	120	8.7	11.5	10.2
Houlton	6,720	6,440	6,840	6,160	5,900	6,200	560	540	650	8.3	8.4	9.4
Jonesport-Milbridge	3,830	3,630	3,860	3,440	3,290	3,330	390	340	530	10.1	9.4	13.7
Kittery-York	18,840	18,860	19,370	18,320	18,330	18,690	520	540	680	2.8	2.8	3.5
Lincoln-Howland	5,660	5,550	5,810	5,170	4,990	5,170	480	570	640	8.6	10.2	11.0
Machias-Eastport	6,830	6,660	6,970	6,110	6,020	6,050	720	640	920	10.6	9.6	13.2
Madawaska	4,280	4,150	4,210	3,980	3,840	3,870	300	310	340	6.9	7.5	8.0
Millinocket-East Millinocket	5,690	5,580	6,020	5,060	5,000	5,430	630	580	590	11.0	10.4	9.8
Norway-Paris	9,990	9,820	10,770	8,980	8,960	9,620	1,010	860	1,150	10.1	8.7	10.7
Outer Bangor	7,480	7,210	7,590	6,890	6,630	6,850	590	590	740	7.9	8.1	9.7
Patten-Island Falls	2,080	1,970	1,960	1,890	1,740	1,760	190	230	200	9.0	11.8	10.0
Presque Isle-Caribou	20,740	20,480	22,380	18,450	18,380	19,750	2,290	2,100	2,640	11.1	10.3	11.8
Rockland	21,740	20,780	22,150	20,760	19,950	20,850	970	820	1,300	4.5	4.0	5.9
Rumford	10,220	10,000	10,250	9,210	9,060	9,170	1,010	940	1,080	9.9	9.4	10.5
Sanford	21,380	20,900	21,330	20,040	19,780	19,400	1,340	1,120	1,920	6.3	5.4	9.0
Sebago Lakes Region	12,330	11,850	13,370	11,550	11,170	12,390	780	680	980	6.4	5.7	7.3
Skowhegan	15,990	15,730	16,460	14,510	14,260	14,720	1,480	1,470	1,740	9.3	9.3	10.6
Stonington	5,250	5,150	5,370	5,050	4,940	5,070	200	210	300	3.7	4.0	5.6
Van Buren	1,510	1,470	1,580	1,340	1,320	1,320	180	160	250	11.6	10.8	16.1
Waterville	24,100	24,040	25,180	22,300	22,260	22,750	1,810	1,780	2,430	7.5	7.4	9.7
NEW ENGLAND STATES (000)												
Connecticut	n/a	n/a	1,830.7	n/a	n/a	1,711.5	n/a	n/a	119.2	n/a	n/a	6.5
Massachusetts	3,216.0	3,155.0	3,216.0	3,023.0	2,972.0	3,011.0	193.0	183.0	205.0	6.0	5.8	6.4
New Hampshire	n/a	n/a	623.9	n/a	n/a	583.8	n/a	n/a	40.0	n/a	n/a	6.4
Rhode Island	n/a	n/a	513.2	n/a	n/a	476.4	n/a	n/a	36.8	n/a	n/a	7.2
Vermont	313.8	308.2	321.7	301.3	294.9	304.8	12.5	13.3	16.9	4.0	4.3	5.2
UNITED STATES (000)	132,115	130,602	129,839	123,864	122,946	120,586	8,251	7,656	9,252	6.2	5.9	7.1

Footnotes

1/ Labor force, employment, and unemployment data for all areas are by place of residence and are not seasonally adjusted. Estimates made independently for each labor market area have been benchmarked to and extrapolated from the Current Population Survey estimates for the state. All data exclude members of the Armed Forces. Data are rounded for publishing purposes. Employment and unemployment may not add to labor force due to rounding. MSA - Metropolitan Statistical Area. n/a indicates that the information was not available at the time of printing.

2/ Current estimates preliminary. Last month and year ago estimates revised.

3/ Kittery-York is the five-town Maine portion of the Portsmouth-Rochester PMSA which includes towns in both Maine and New Hampshire.

Source: These data are developed by the Maine Division of Economic Analysis and Research in cooperation with the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Mid-Month Insured Unemployment

ITEM	STATEWIDE This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	PORTLAND MSA This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Number of continued-week claimants*	11,206	13,794	10,216	1,732	1,890	1,793	1,047	1,197	957

* Continued-week claimants are less partials for week including the 12th of the month.

Civilian Labor Force and Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment in Maine

Seasonally Adjusted in Thousands

ITEM	1993							1994					
	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
Civilian Labor Force 1/	631.4	628.1	629.4	627.8	627.6	626.5	624.4	628.0	632.5	625.1	619.6	611.9	611.9
Resident Employment	580.4	578.0	577.1	575.2	575.9	575.1	574.7	568.6	585.5	582.3	579.8	576.6	573.5
Unemployment	51.0	50.1	52.3	52.6	51.6	51.4	49.7	59.4	43.0	42.9	39.8	35.2	38.0
Percent of Labor Force	8.1	8.0	8.3	8.4	8.2	8.2	8.0	9.5	7.4	6.9	6.4	5.8	6.2
Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment 2/	518.9	519.1	520.3	519.8	521.9	522.2	521.6	517.7	520.9	521.0	524.0	527.6	527.2
Construction	20.4	20.8	20.5	20.4	21.1	21.4	21.7	21.5	21.5	21.5	21.5	22.1	21.5
Manufacturing, Durable Goods	40.3	40.3	40.2	40.3	40.5	40.8	40.8	40.6	41.5	41.6	41.5	41.5	41.4
Manufacturing, Nondurable Goods	50.6	50.7	50.9	50.6	51.1	51.0	51.0	50.6	50.9	51.2	51.0	51.3	51.3
Transportation and Public Utilities	22.1	22.0	22.1	22.1	21.6	21.8	21.9	21.4	21.5	21.3	20.9	21.0	21.5
Wholesale Trade	23.1	23.2	23.2	23.3	23.4	23.4	23.3	23.5	23.4	23.3	23.3	23.2	23.1
Retail Trade	106.9	107.0	107.3	108.0	107.9	107.5	106.8	106.2	106.2	105.7	108.8	110.1	111.2
Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate	25.7	25.7	25.9	25.8	25.9	26.1	26.0	25.9	25.9	26.1	26.1	25.9	25.8
Services	134.6	133.3	134.1	135.2	136.3	136.5	136.7	135.8	136.4	137.0	137.6	138.7	138.3
Government	95.1	95.9	95.9	93.9	94.0	93.6	93.3	92.1	93.4	93.3	93.2	93.8	93.0

1/ Place of residence. 2/ Place of work.

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Employment in Perspective: Earnings and Job Growth

The pace of [U.S.] job growth has quickened since the end of 1993, and concern over a "jobless recovery" has been replaced with concern about the quality of jobs being created. Interest in the quality of job growth is not new. Even during the long economic expansion of the 1980s, observers often noted that nearly all of the increase in employment was in the services and retail trade industries, whose average pay is comparatively low, while some higher-paying manufacturing industries experienced slow growth or even job losses. Concurrently, however, substantial growth occurred in occupations such as managers and professionals, where earnings are relatively high. The findings [of a report by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics] indicate that, while job growth has been concentrated in relatively low-wage industries, much of the growth within these industries has been in the relatively high-wage occupations.

"Much of the growth within these [low-wage] industries has been in the relatively high-wage occupations."

For each of the periods examined, most of the employment growth was in the deciles composed of the industries with relatively low earnings. From 1988 to 1992, data did show some growth in two of the top five deciles. Within these top deciles, two groups of industries accounted for a sizable share of the movements. Several defense-related industries experienced substantial declines in employment, while hospitals and other health related industries had substantial gains.

In the lower-earnings deciles, a large proportion of employment growth was accounted for by a few industries. For example, eating and drinking places was the source of most of the employment growth within the lowest earnings (tenth decile).

Between February 1992 (the low point of nonfarm payroll employment) and April 1994, there was a net gain in employment growth in the higher earnings deciles rather than the net loss experienced during the 1988-92 period. Nevertheless, about 72 percent of the jobs added were in industries in the lower 5 earnings deciles. Two industries alone were responsible for nearly 3 out of 10 new jobs during the recovery—eating and drinking places, which was in the tenth (lowest earnings) decile, and personnel supply services, which was in the seventh decile.

Within the upper half of the deciles during the recovery, health services continued its rapid growth, accounting for about a third of the net increase in employment in the top five deciles. Other "higher-wage" industries with job gains included various construction industries, mortgage bankers and brokers, computer and data processing services, and management and public relations services. The

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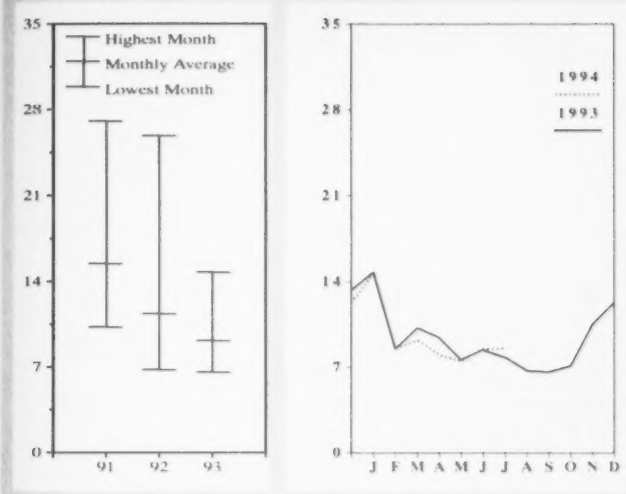
UI Initial Claims
In Thousands



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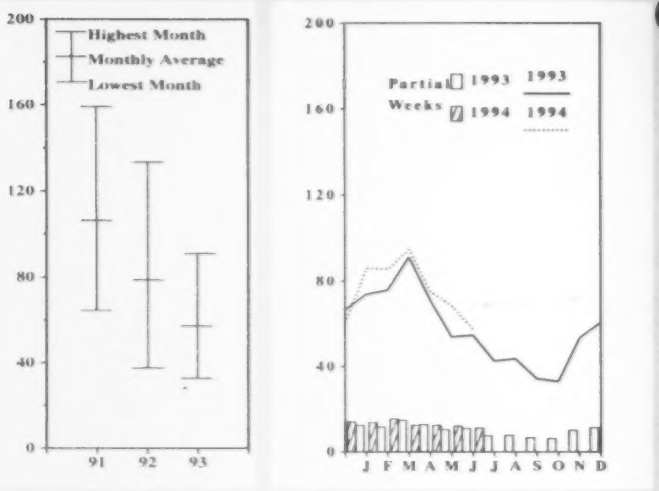


first (highest earnings) decile continued to lose employment because of declines in manufacturing employment during the early part of the recovery.

When employment growth is measured on the basis of occupations, it is concentrated among the higher earnings deciles. This holds both for the long and short term.

Although much of the employment growth has been in low-wage industries, most of the increases within those industries have been in relatively high-paying occupations. Overall, nearly three-fourths of the change in employment between 1988-93 was in industry/occupational cells where the median weekly earnings of wage and salary workers was above the median for all such workers. A substantial proportion of the employment growth during the period occurred in the managerial, professional, and technical occupations within the services industries. All three of these industry/occupational cells have above average earnings. Within these cells the majority of the growth was in occupations related to either education or health.

Further evidence that growth has taken place in the higher earnings occupations within industries comes from an analysis of the influence of changes in occupational staffing patterns on the real wage growth for full-time workers between 1983 and 1993. That analysis showed that most of the major industries exhibited evidence of occupational upgrading.

The industry/occupational matrix also shows that employment declined in several industry/occupational cells having very high earnings, for example, managers and professionals in manufacturing. If such workers switched to managerial and professional jobs in other industries, they would likely be going into industry/occupational cells with lower earnings than the ones from which they were displaced. Their earnings would still be above the average for all workers, however.

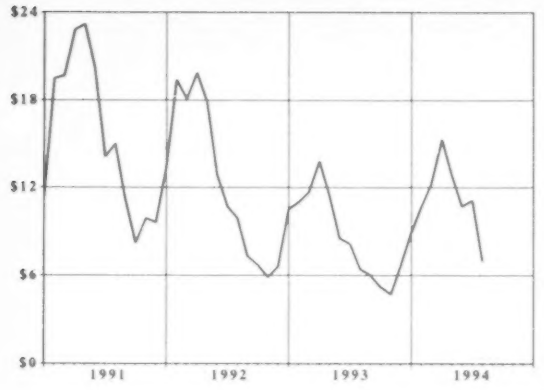
Excerpted from "Employment in Perspective: Earnings and Job Growth," August 1994, Report 877, U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Selected Employment Security Activities

Unemployment Insurance Benefit Payments

In Millions

(Total Includes Maine's Portion of Extended Benefits)



Unemployment Compensation Fund Balance

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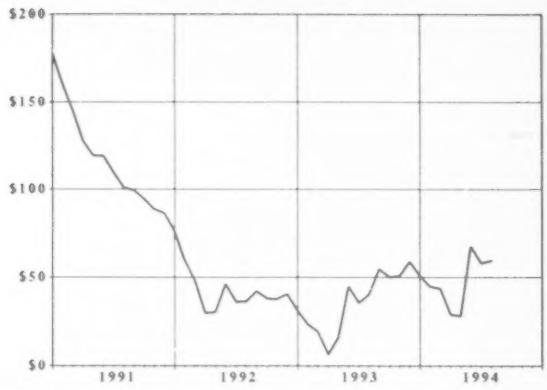
(End of Month)



Earnings and Workweek of Production Workers in Manufacturing Industries

AREA AND INDUSTRY	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS This Month	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS Last Month	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS Year Ago	AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS This Month	AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS Last Month	AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS Year Ago	AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS This Month	AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS Last Month	AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS Year Ago	ANNUAL AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS 1991	1992	1993
STATEWIDE												
Manufacturing	$477.53	$479.60	$473.85	39.4	40.1	40.5	$12.12	$11.96	$11.70	$11.08	$11.38	$11.63
Durable Goods	470.45	461.64	460.72	39.6	39.9	40.7	11.88	11.57	11.32	10.61	11.14	11.43
Lumber and Wood Products	382.45	379.86	387.39	40.6	41.2	41.7	9.42	9.22	9.29	8.97	9.25	9.33
Primary and Fabricated Metals	371.48	442.54	440.08	37.0	40.6	40.9	10.04	10.90	10.76	10.18	10.45	11.00
Industrial Machinery and Equipment	653.29	610.06	574.10	46.3	44.4	42.4	14.11	13.74	13.54	12.43	12.82	13.32
Electronic and Other Electric Equipment	432.33	401.57	382.20	36.7	37.6	39.2	11.78	10.68	9.75	9.91	10.02	10.33
Transportation Equipment	568.37	556.37	584.38	38.3	37.9	39.7	14.84	14.68	14.72	12.55	14.09	14.64
Other Durable Goods	390.57	383.87	366.33	40.1	41.1	41.3	9.74	9.34	8.87	8.57	8.86	8.89
Nondurable Goods	484.57	494.48	484.00	39.3	40.3	40.3	12.33	12.27	12.01	11.48	11.57	11.79
Food and Kindred Products	350.17	327.91	348.50	36.4	34.3	36.8	9.62	9.56	9.47	8.76	9.15	9.34
Textile Mill Products	377.10	423.49	414.65	39.2	41.6	44.3	9.62	10.18	9.36	8.82	9.03	9.49
Apparel and Other Textile Products	254.86	310.29	300.29	32.8	35.3	38.4	7.77	8.79	7.82	7.28	7.65	7.95
Paper and Allied Products	741.11	775.70	730.15	41.8	43.8	42.5	17.73	17.71	17.18	16.06	16.25	16.63
Leather and Leather Products	318.66	320.10	299.06	38.3	38.8	38.0	8.32	8.25	7.87	7.82	7.92	8.00
Other Nondurable Goods	422.54	423.72	405.33	39.9	40.9	39.2	10.59	10.36	10.34	9.85	10.07	10.28
PORTLAND MSA												
Manufacturing	415.52	421.22	415.03	39.2	39.7	38.5	10.60	10.61	10.78	10.45	10.55	10.68
LEWISTON.AUBURN MSA												
Manufacturing	384.27	397.32	384.21	37.6	39.3	40.7	10.22	10.11	9.44	9.33	9.53	9.82

Female Labor Force in Maine

In Thousands

ITEM[1/]	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Labor Force	304.5	296.0	307.1
Unemployment	13.7	14.3	16.4
(Percent)	4.5%	4.8%	5.3%
Resident Employed	290.9	281.7	290.7

U.S. Consumer Price Index

BASE PERIOD (1982-1984 = 100) All Items (CPI-U)	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	Last Dec.
	148.4	148.0	144.4	145.8

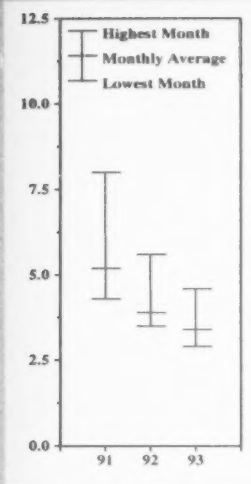
Percent Change for Past Month	+0.3%
Percent Change from Last December	+2.8%
Percent Change from 12 Months Ago	+1.8%

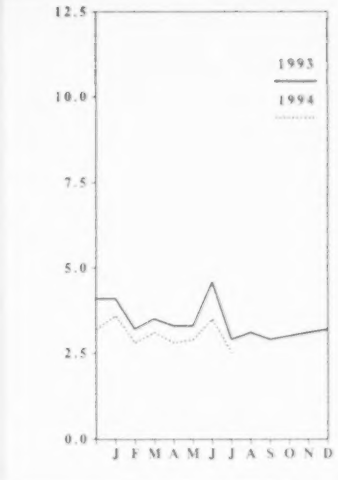
1/ Current figures preliminary; last month and year ago figures revised.

Source: Female labor force estimates are developed by, and solely the responsibility of, the Maine Division of Economic Analysis and Research.

New Applications For Work

In Thousands





Nonfarm Placements

In Thousands

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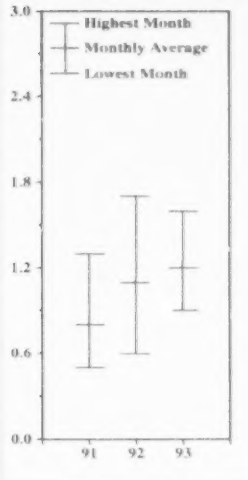

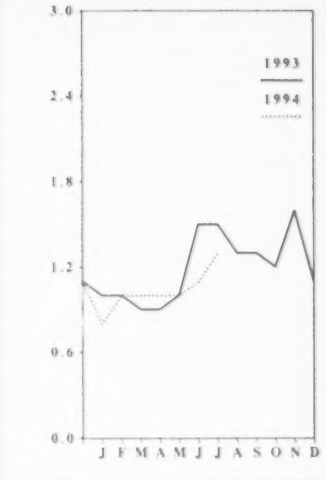

Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment by Place of Work (In Thousands)

ITEM	STATEWIDE THIS MONTH	STATEWIDE LAST MONTH	STATEWIDE YEAR AGO	PORTLAND MSA THIS MONTH	PORTLAND MSA LAST MONTH	PORTLAND MSA YEAR AGO	LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA THIS MONTH	LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA LAST MONTH	LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA YEAR AGO
Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment 1/	529.4	534.4	526.2	126.1	126.8	126.7	39.7	40.6	38.5
Goods Producing	114.7	116.2	113.5	19.5	19.4	18.9	10.0	10.3	9.9
Construction and Mining	23.9	23.2	23.7	5.7	5.6	5.6	1.8	1.7	1.7
Building Construction	5.6	5.5	5.5	1.1	1.2	1.2	n/a	n/a	n/a
Special Trade Contractors	13.4	13.0	13.3	3.8	3.7	3.8	n/a	n/a	n/a
Manufacturing	90.8	93.0	89.8	13.8	13.8	13.3	8.2	8.6	8.2
Durable Goods	41.3	41.1	40.2	6.2	6.2	5.8	2.1	2.2	2.3
Lumber and Wood Products	10.8	10.4	10.9	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Primary and Fabricated Metals	3.4	3.4	3.3	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Industrial Machinery and Equipment	4.3	4.3	3.8	1.4	1.4	1.2	n/a	n/a	n/a
Electronic and other Elect. Equip.	6.9	6.9	6.1	2.0	2.0	1.9	n/a	n/a	n/a
Transportation Equipment	12.2	12.2	12.1	(d)	(d)	(d)	n/a	n/a	n/a
Other Durable Goods 2/	3.7	3.9	4.0	2.8	2.8	2.7	n/a	n/a	n/a
Nondurable Goods	49.5	51.9	49.6	7.6	7.6	7.5	6.1	6.4	5.9
Food and Kindred Products	6.6	6.6	6.8	1.9	1.9	2.0	n/a	n/a	n/a
Textile Mill Products	5.3	5.8	5.1	(d)	(d)	(d)	n/a	n/a	n/a
Apparel and Other Textile Products	2.2	2.7	2.6	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Paper and Allied Products	15.7	15.8	16.1	(d)	(d)	(d)	n/a	n/a	n/a
Printing and Publishing	5.4	5.5	5.3	1.7	1.7	1.6	n/a	n/a	n/a
Rubber and Misc. Plastic Products	3.0	3.1	3.0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Leather and Leather Products	9.5	10.6	8.9	1.3	1.3	1.2	1.9	2.1	1.7
Footwear (except Rubber)	7.8	8.7	7.4	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Other Nondurable Goods 3/	1.8	1.8	1.8	2.7	2.7	2.7	4.2	4.3	4.2
Service Producing	414.7	418.2	412.7	106.6	107.4	107.8	29.7	30.3	28.6
Transportation and Public Utilities	22.0	21.8	22.6	6.1	5.9	6.0	1.5	1.5	1.4
Wholesale Trade	23.6	23.4	23.6	8.6	8.6	8.8	1.9	1.9	1.9
Retail Trade	117.0	113.3	114.7	29.4	29.3	28.9	8.4	8.5	8.2
General Merchandise Stores	11.7	11.6	11.5	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Food Stores	19.3	18.8	19.7	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Eating and Drinking Places	40.7	38.7	39.7	9.6	9.4	9.5	n/a	n/a	n/a
Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate	26.3	26.2	26.0	12.2	12.1	12.3	2.0	2.0	1.9
Banking	9.2	9.1	9.1	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Insurance Carriers, Brokers and Agents	11.7	11.7	11.6	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Services	143.6	139.9	140.9	35.4	35.2	37.0	11.8	11.8	11.2
Hotels and Other Lodging Places	14.6	12.1	14.0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Business Services	14.7	14.6	14.3	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Health Services	50.0	50.0	49.9	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Federal Government	14.3	14.4	16.1	2.1	2.1	2.0	0.3	0.3	0.3
State Government	24.2	23.9	24.1	3.9	3.9	3.8	0.6	0.6	0.6
Local Government	43.7	55.3	44.7	8.9	10.3	9.0	3.2	3.7	3.1
Involved in Labor-Management Disputes	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

1/ Employment figures relate to full- and part-time wage and salary workers in pay periods including the 12th of the month. Domestic workers in private households, proprietors, self-employed, and unpaid family workers are excluded. 2/ Includes Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) codes: Statewide - 25, 32, 38, 39; Portland - 24, 25, 32, 33, 34, 37, 38, 39. 3/ Includes SIC codes: Statewide - 28, 29; Portland - 20, 22, 23, 26, 30; Lewiston - 20, 22, 23, 26, 27. 4/ Regular teachers are included in summer months whether or not specifically paid in those months. n/a - data not available in sufficient detail for publication. * Less than 50. (d) Nondisclosure item. Source: Nonfarm wage and salary employment by place of work and earnings, and workweek of production workers in manufacturing industries are developed by the Maine Division of Economic Analysis and Research in cooperation with the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Labor Force, Employment and Unemployment

Area 1/	LABOR FORCE 2/ This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	RESIDENT EMPLOYED This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	UNEMPLOYMENT Number This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	UNEMPLOYMENT Percent of Labor Force This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
MAINE-STATEWIDE (000)	635.7	627.7	646.3	601.4	589.5	604.7	34.3	38.2	41.6	5.4	6.1	6.4
MAJOR LABOR MARKETS												
Bangor MSA	49,700	48,600	48,500	47,600	46,300	46,000	2,000	2,200	2,500	4.1	4.6	5.2
Lewiston-Auburn MSA	50,300	49,800	49,600	47,000	46,500	45,600	3,300	3,300	4,000	6.6	6.7	8.0
Portland MSA	121,200	119,100	122,500	116,700	113,600	116,600	4,500	5,400	5,900	3.7	4.6	4.9
Portsmouth-Rochester PMSA	n/a	n/a	119,400	n/a	n/a	112,300	n/a	n/a	7,200	n/a	n/a	6.0
OTHER LABOR MARKETS												
Augusta	44,290	43,130	45,340	42,200	40,870	42,580	2,090	2,260	2,760	4.7	5.2	6.1
Bath-Brunswick	33,920	33,470	35,430	32,710	32,160	33,430	1,220	1,310	2,000	3.6	3.9	5.6
Belfast	12,390	11,950	12,610	11,670	11,170	11,730	730	770	880	5.9	6.5	7.0
Biddeford	37,560	36,280	38,590	36,130	34,740	36,600	1,430	1,540	1,990	3.8	4.2	5.1
Boothbay Harbor	9,880	9,050	9,830	9,670	8,730	9,490	200	320	340	2.1	3.5	3.4
Bucksport	4,970	5,040	5,190	4,740	4,760	4,900	230	280	290	4.7	5.5	5.6
Calais	5,160	5,260	5,300	4,650	4,630	4,670	510	630	640	9.9	12.0	12.1
Dexter-Pittsfield	12,480	13,240	12,710	11,230	12,100	11,440	1,250	1,130	1,270	10.0	8.6	10.0
Dover-Foxcroft	7,170	7,070	7,290	6,630	6,540	6,710	540	530	580	7.5	7.5	8.0
Ellsworth-Bar Harbor	20,650	18,910	20,360	19,890	17,950	19,450	750	950	910	3.7	5.0	4.5
Farmington	17,520	17,240	18,310	16,050	15,990	16,920	1,470	1,260	1,390	8.4	7.3	7.6
Fort Kent	3,690	3,710	3,870	3,370	3,160	3,440	320	550	430	8.5	14.8	11.1
Greenville	1,210	1,170	1,200	1,130	1,080	1,130	90	100	70	7.2	8.3	5.9
Houlton	6,510	6,730	6,560	6,030	6,160	6,090	480	570	480	7.3	8.4	7.2
Jonesport-Milbridge	3,880	3,830	3,900	3,580	3,440	3,550	300	390	340	7.6	10.2	8.8
Kittery-York	19,270	18,850	18,650	18,870	18,290	18,100	400	550	540	2.1	2.9	2.9
Lincoln-Howland	5,810	5,670	5,760	5,380	5,170	5,330	430	490	430	7.5	8.7	7.4
Machias-Eastport	6,830	6,840	6,900	6,240	6,110	6,170	590	730	730	8.7	10.6	10.6
Madawaska	4,140	4,280	4,130	3,940	3,980	3,870	200	300	260	4.9	6.9	6.3
Millinocket-East Millinocket	5,610	5,710	5,950	5,100	5,060	5,510	510	650	440	9.0	11.3	7.4
Norway-Paris	10,200	9,990	11,190	9,290	8,980	10,140	910	1,010	1,060	8.9	10.1	9.5
Outer Bangor	7,380	7,480	7,870	6,860	6,890	7,220	530	590	650	7.1	7.9	8.3
Patten-Island Falls	2,090	2,080	2,070	1,920	1,890	1,900	170	190	170	8.2	9.0	8.2
Presque Isle-Caribou	20,320	20,750	22,360	18,220	18,450	20,030	2,100	2,300	2,330	10.3	11.1	10.4
Rockland	22,330	21,750	22,410	21,530	20,770	21,460	800	990	950	3.6	4.5	4.2
Rumford	10,010	10,230	10,050	9,190	9,210	9,150	830	1,020	900	8.3	10.0	9.0
Sanford	21,020	21,390	21,130	19,760	20,040	19,600	1,260	1,350	1,530	6.0	6.3	7.2
Sebago Lakes Region	12,590	12,330	14,060	11,850	11,550	13,170	750	790	890	5.9	6.4	6.3
Skowhegan	15,280	16,000	15,620	13,970	14,510	14,120	1,300	1,480	1,500	8.5	9.3	9.6
Stonington	5,580	5,250	5,590	5,420	5,050	5,360	160	200	230	2.8	3.8	4.0
Van Buren	1,570	1,510	1,670	1,430	1,340	1,480	130	180	190	8.4	11.6	11.5
Waterville	23,150	24,120	23,920	21,450	22,300	21,900	1,700	1,820	2,020	7.3	7.5	8.4
NEW ENGLAND STATES (000)												
Connecticut	n/a	n/a	1,851.6	n/a	n/a	1,729.1	n/a	n/a	122.5	n/a	n/a	6.6
Massachusetts	3,255.0	3,216.0	3,184.0	3,058.0	3,023.0	2,974.0	197.0	193.0	210.0	6.0	6.0	6.6
New Hampshire	n/a	n/a	625.6	n/a	n/a	588.5	n/a	n/a	37.0	n/a	n/a	5.9
Rhode Island	n/a	n/a	514.8	n/a	n/a	479.7	n/a	n/a	35.1	n/a	n/a	6.8
Vermont	n/a	n/a	317.3	n/a	n/a	303.0	n/a	n/a	14.3	n/a	n/a	4.5
UNITED STATES(000)	132,783	132,115	130,324	124,503	123,864	121,323	8,281	8,251	9,002	6.2	6.2	6.9

Footnotes

1/ Labor force, employment, and unemployment data for all areas are by place of residence and are not seasonally adjusted. Estimates made independently for each labor market area have been benchmarked to and extrapolated from the Current Population Survey estimates for the state. All data exclude members of the Armed Forces. Data are rounded for publishing purposes. Employment and unemployment may not add to labor force due to rounding. MSA - Metropolitan Statistical Area. n/a indicates that the information was not available at the time of printing.

2/ Current estimates preliminary. Last month and year ago estimates revised.

3/ Kittery-York is the five-town Maine portion of the Portsmouth-Rochester PMSA which includes towns in both Maine and New Hampshire.

Source: These data are developed by the Maine Division of Economic Analysis and Research in cooperation with the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Mid-Month Insured Unemployment

ITEM	STATEWIDE This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	PORTLAND MSA This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Number of continued-week claimants*	11,567	11,944	10,327	1,813	1,731	1,752	1,070	1,346	1,106

* Continued-week claimants are less partials for week including the 12th of the month.

ITEM	1993							1994					
	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul
Civilian Labor Force 1/	628.1	629.4	627.8	627.6	626.5	624.4	628.0	632.5	625.1	619.6	611.9	611.8	618.2
Resident Employment	578.0	577.1	575.2	575.9	575.1	574.7	568.6	585.5	582.3	579.8	576.6	573.5	574.4
Unemployment	50.1	52.3	52.6	51.6	51.4	49.7	59.4	43.0	42.9	39.8	35.2	38.4	43.8
Percent of Labor Force	8.0	8.3	8.4	8.2	8.2	8.0	9.5	7.4	6.9	6.4	5.8	6.3	7.1
Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment 2/	519.1	520.3	519.8	521.9	522.2	521.6	517.7	520.9	521.0	524.0	527.6	527.2	528.2
Construction	20.8	20.5	20.4	21.1	21.4	21.7	21.5	21.5	21.5	21.5	22.1	21.5	21.6
Manufacturing, Durable Goods	40.3	40.2	40.3	40.5	40.8	40.8	40.6	41.5	41.6	41.5	41.5	41.3	41.5
Manufacturing, Nondurable Goods	50.7	50.9	50.6	51.1	51.0	51.0	50.6	50.9	51.2	51.0	51.3	51.4	51.0
Transportation and Public Utilities	22.0	22.1	22.1	21.6	21.8	21.9	21.4	21.5	21.3	20.9	21.0	21.5	21.6
Wholesale Trade	23.2	23.2	23.3	23.4	23.4	23.3	23.5	23.4	23.3	23.3	23.2	23.1	23.2
Retail Trade	107.0	107.3	108.0	107.9	107.5	106.8	106.2	106.2	105.7	108.8	110.1	111.2	112.6
Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate	25.7	25.9	25.8	25.9	26.1	26.0	25.9	25.9	26.1	26.1	25.9	25.8	25.9
Services	133.3	134.1	135.2	136.3	136.5	136.7	135.8	136.4	137.0	137.6	138.7	138.4	137.2
Government	95.9	95.9	93.9	94.0	93.6	93.3	92.1	93.4	93.3	93.2	93.8	92.9	93.5

1/ Place of residence. 2/ Place of work.

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Average Annual Pay by State, 1993

The average annual pay of all workers covered by State and Federal Unemployment Insurance (UI) programs was $26,362 in 1993, a 1.8 percent increase over the 1992 national average, according to preliminary data released by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor. The annual pay of private industry workers, comprising 83 percent of the nation's employment, rose 1.5 percent in 1993, while pay for government workers rose 3.1 percent. In 1992, private sector pay growth had outpaced that of government workers 5.7 to 4.0 percent.

Among the 50 states and the District of Columbia, the District of Columbia again led the nation with an average annual pay level of $39,199 in 1993. The District of Columbia has reported the highest average pay level since 1987. Connecticut had the second highest level in 1993 ($33,169), followed by New York ($32,919), New Jersey ($32,716), and Alaska ($32,336). The ranking of the District of Columbia and the top 10 states by pay level was unchanged from 1992. These same 10 states and the District of Columbia also are the only ones to exceed the national average pay level in 1993, as they had for the past 5 years.

South Dakota's average annual pay was the lowest during 1993--$18,613--followed by North Dakota ($19,382), Mississippi ($19,694), Montana ($19,932), and Arkansas ($20,337). The ranking of the bottom five states has been unchanged since 1988. The 1993 ranking of the bottom 15 remained the same as the previous year.

The District of Columbia and South Dakota posted the largest percentage increase in pay from 1992 to 1993 (3.3 percent), followed by New Mexico (3.2 percent) and Hawaii (3.1 percent). Michigan, Montana, and Nevada tied for the next highest increase (2.9 percent).

New Hampshire's 0.4 percent increase in average annual pay was the smallest for 1993. Washington had the next smallest increase (0.8 percent), followed by West Virginia (0.9 percent), Maine (1.0 percent), and Arkansas (1.1 percent). No state reported a decline in average annual pay for the sixth straight year.

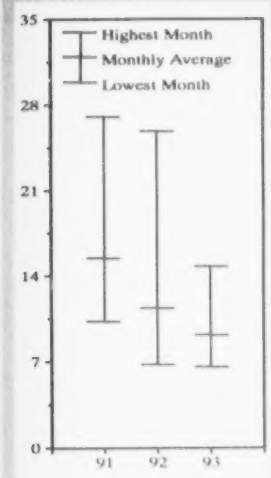
Average Annual Pay in Maine	
1992	$21,808
1993	$22,026

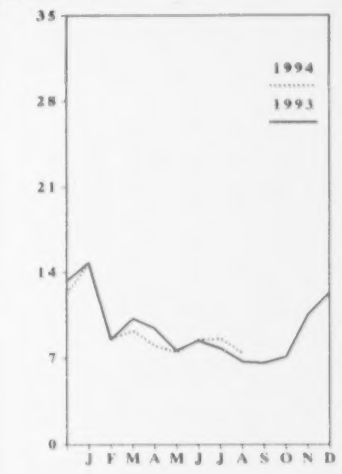
The 1.8 percent increase in 1993 national average annual pay was the lowest recorded since the Bureau of Labor Statistics began publishing these data in 1980. From 1980 to 1992, national average annual pay increases ranged from 3.2 percent (1989) to 9.4 percent (1980). All 50 states and the District of Columbia experienced lower rates of pay growth for 1993 than in 1992.

Source: Average Annual Pay by State and Industry, 1993, USDL 94-454, U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

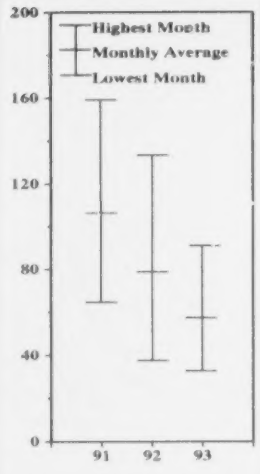
See related graph on page 2.

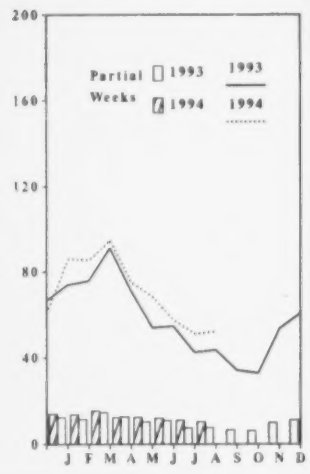
UI Initial Claims
In Thousands



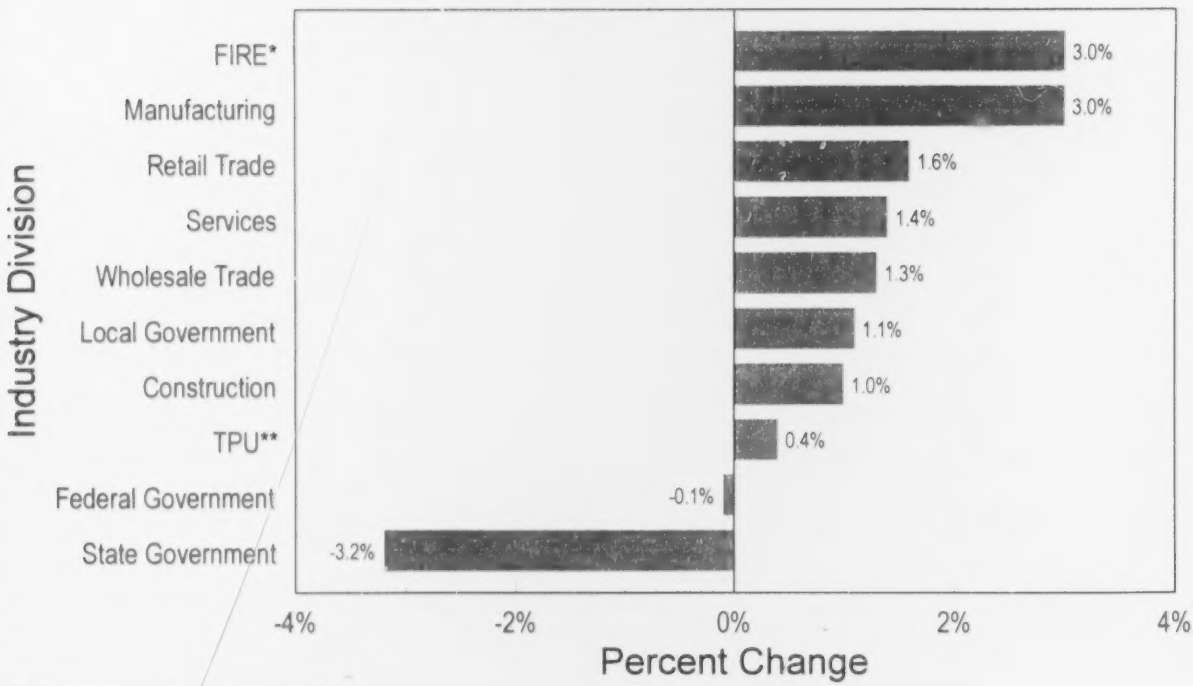


UI Intrastate Weeks Claimed
In Thousands





Average Annual Pay in Maine by Industry
Percent Change, 1992 - 1993[1]



* *FIRE: Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate.*

** *TPU: Transportation, Communication, and Public Utilities.*

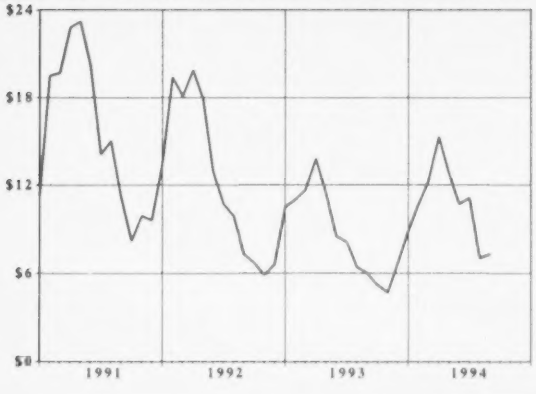
[1] Includes workers covered under the Maine Unemployment Insurance and Unemployment Compensation for Federal Employee programs.

Selected Employment Security Activities

Unemployment Insurance Benefit Payments

In Millions

(Total Includes Maine's Portion of Extended Benefits)



Unemployment Compensation Fund Balance

In Millions

(End of Month)

Earnings and Workweek of Production Workers in Manufacturing Industries

AREA AND INDUSTRY	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS This Month	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS Last Month	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS Year Ago	AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS This Month	AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS Last Month	AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS Year Ago	AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS This Month	AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS Last Month	AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS Year Ago	ANNUAL AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS 1991	ANNUAL AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS 1992	ANNUAL AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS 1993
STATEWIDE												
Manufacturing	$470.70	$479.10	$472.65	40.3	39.4	41.1	$11.68	$12.16	$11.50	$11.08	$11.38	$11.63
Durable Goods	463.64	468.08	470.50	39.9	39.5	41.2	11.62	11.85	11.42	10.61	11.14	11.43
Lumber and Wood Products	384.40	382.45	374.03	41.2	40.6	40.7	9.33	9.42	9.19	8.97	9.25	9.33
Primary and Fabricated Metals	455.67	371.68	506.16	41.2	36.8	45.6	11.06	10.10	11.10	10.18	10.45	11.00
Industrial Machinery and Equipment	618.36	646.70	573.40	44.2	45.8	42.6	13.99	14.12	13.46	12.43	12.82	13.32
Electronic and Other Electric Equipment	400.38	431.30	423.94	36.8	36.8	41.0	10.88	11.72	10.34	9.91	10.02	10.33
Transportation Equipment	551.45	568.37	589.37	37.9	38.3	40.2	14.55	14.84	14.67	12.55	14.09	14.64
Other Durable Goods	406.28	388.17	369.95	41.5	40.1	40.3	9.79	9.68	9.18	8.57	8.86	8.89
Nondurable Goods	475.83	487.26	475.53	40.6	39.2	41.1	11.72	12.43	11.57	11.48	11.57	11.79
Food and Kindred Products	343.62	361.01	346.66	36.4	36.8	39.8	9.44	9.81	8.71	8.76	9.15	9.34
Textile Mill Products	401.39	377.10	407.79	45.1	39.2	42.7	8.90	9.62	9.55	8.82	9.03	9.49
Apparel and Other Textile Products	315.09	267.92	291.78	38.1	33.2	37.6	8.27	8.07	7.76	7.28	7.65	7.95
Paper and Allied Products	725.05	741.11	730.60	42.7	41.8	42.8	16.98	17.73	17.07	16.06	16.25	16.63
Leather and Leather Products	327.76	319.58	322.00	39.3	38.0	40.2	8.34	8.41	8.01	7.82	7.92	8.00
Other Nondurable Goods	417.25	416.81	404.60	39.7	39.1	40.0	10.51	10.66	10.11	9.85	10.07	10.28
PORTLAND MSA												
Manufacturing	422.47	415.91	420.42	39.3	39.2	39.7	10.75	10.61	10.59	10.45	10.55	10.68
LEWISTON.AUBURN MSA												
Manufacturing	391.11	396.72	391.55	41.3	38.0	41.0	9.47	10.44	9.55	9.33	9.53	9.82

Female Labor Force in Maine

In Thousands

ITEM[1/]	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Labor Force	303.3	305.0	312.5
Unemployment	15.8	13.9	20.3
(Percent)	5.2%	4.5%	6.5%
Resident Employed	287.5	291.2	292.3

U.S. Consumer Price Index

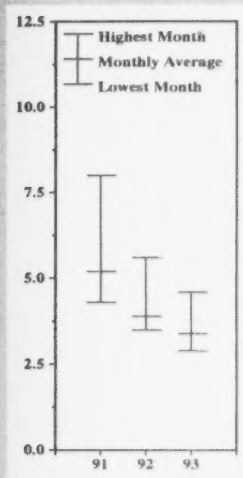
BASE PERIOD (1982-1984 = 100) All Items (CPI-U)	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	Last Dec.
	149.0	148.4	144.8	145.8

Percent Change for Past Month	+0.4%
Percent Change from Last December	+2.9%
Percent Change from 12 Months Ago	+2.2%

1/ Current figures preliminary; last month and year ago figures revised.
Source: Female labor force estimates are developed by, and solely the responsibility of, the Maine Division of Economic Analysis and Research.

New Applications For Work

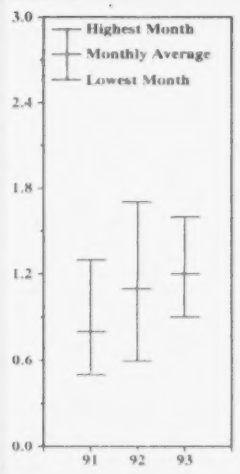
In Thousands

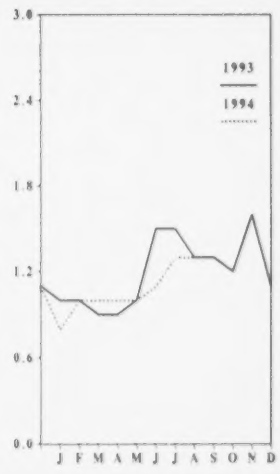


Nonfarm Placements

In Thousands

(Excludes Placements of Less than Three Days Duration)





Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment by Place of Work (In Thousands)

ITEM	STATEWIDE			PORTLAND MSA			LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA		
	THIS MONTH	LAST MONTH	YEAR AGO	THIS MONTH	LAST MONTH	YEAR AGO	THIS MONTH	LAST MONTH	YEAR AGO
Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment 1/	536.7	531.2	532.4	125.9	125.9	126.9	40.5	39.7	39.2
Goods Producing	117.7	114.6	117.7	19.2	19.4	19.0	10.5	10.0	10.3
Construction and Mining	24.2	23.9	23.9	5.7	5.6	5.6	1.9	1.8	1.8
Building Construction	5.7	5.6	5.4	1.2	1.1	1.2	n/a	n/a	n/a
Special Trade Contractors	13.5	13.4	13.3	3.8	3.8	3.8	n/a	n/a	n/a
Manufacturing	93.5	90.7	93.8	13.5	13.8	13.4	8.6	8.2	8.5
Durable Goods	41.6	41.6	40.8	5.7	6.2	5.8	2.2	2.1	2.3
Lumber and Wood Products	11.3	11.2	11.2	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Primary and Fabricated Metals	3.4	3.3	3.3	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Industrial Machinery and Equipment	4.4	4.3	3.9	1.4	1.4	1.2	n/a	n/a	n/a
Electronic and other Elect. Equip	6.8	6.9	6.6	2.0	2.0	1.9	n/a	n/a	n/a
Transportation Equipment	12.0	12.2	12.0	(d)	(d)	(d)	n/a	n/a	n/a
Other Durable Goods 2/	3.7	3.7	3.8	2.3	2.8	2.7	n/a	n/a	n/a
Nondurable Goods	51.9	49.1	53.0	7.8	7.6	7.6	6.4	6.1	6.2
Food and Kindred Products	7.5	6.4	7.9	1.9	1.9	2.0	n/a	n/a	n/a
Textile Mill Products	5.6	5.3	5.7	(d)	(d)	(d)	n/a	n/a	n/a
Apparel and Other Textile Products	2.4	2.2	2.9	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Paper and Allied Products	15.6	15.7	16.1	(d)	(d)	(d)	n/a	n/a	n/a
Printing and Publishing	5.5	5.4	5.4	1.8	1.7	1.7	n/a	n/a	n/a
Rubber and Misc. Plastic Products	3.1	3.0	3.1	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Leather and Leather Products	10.4	9.3	10.1	1.4	1.3	1.2	2.1	1.9	1.8
Footwear (except Rubber)	8.6	7.6	8.3	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Other Nondurable Goods 3/	1.8	1.8	1.8	2.7	2.7	2.7	4.3	4.2	4.4
Service Producing	419.0	416.6	414.7	106.7	106.5	107.9	30.0	29.7	28.9
Transportation and Public Utilities	22.0	22.1	22.7	6.0	6.1	5.9	1.5	1.5	1.5
Wholesale Trade	23.8	23.6	23.8	8.6	8.6	8.8	2.0	1.9	2.0
Retail Trade	118.9	116.8	115.9	30.1	29.4	29.1	8.4	8.4	8.4
General Merchandise Stores	11.7	11.6	11.8	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Food Stores	19.4	19.3	19.7	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Eating and Drinking Places	40.7	38.7	39.9	9.6	9.5	9.4	n/a	n/a	n/a
Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate	26.2	26.2	26.2	12.1	12.2	12.3	2.0	2.0	1.9
Banking	9.2	9.2	9.1	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Insurance Carriers, Brokers and Agents	11.6	11.7	11.7	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Services	145.3	144.6	142.0	35.2	35.3	37.3	12.0	11.8	11.1
Hotels and Other Lodging Places	14.5	14.6	14.5	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Business Services	14.8	14.8	14.6	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Health Services	49.9	50.0	50.1	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Federal Government	13.8	14.3	16.0	2.1	2.1	2.0	0.3	0.3	0.3
State Government	24.1	24.3	23.8	3.9	3.9	3.8	0.6	0.6	0.7
Local Government	44.9	44.7	44.3	8.7	8.9	8.7	3.2	3.2	3.0
Involved in Labor-Management Disputes	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

1/ Employment figures relate to full- and part-time wage and salary workers in pay periods including the 12th of the month. Domestic workers in private households, proprietors, self-employed, and unpaid family workers are excluded. 2/ Includes Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) codes: Statewide - 25, 32, 38, 39; Portland - 24, 25, 32, 33, 34, 37, 38, 39. 3/ Includes SIC codes: Statewide - 28, 29; Portland - 20, 22, 23, 26, 30; Lewiston - 20, 22, 23, 26, 27. 4/ Regular teachers are included in summer months whether or not specifically paid in those months. n/a - data not available in sufficient detail for publication. * Less than 50. (d) Nondisclosure item. Source: Nonfarm wage and salary employment by place of work and earnings, and workweek of production workers in manufacturing industries are developed by the Maine Division of Economic Analysis and Research in cooperation with the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Labor Force, Employment and Unemployment

Area 1/	LABOR FORCE 2/			RESIDENT EMPLOYED			UNEMPLOYMENT Number			UNEMPLOYMENT Percent of Labor Force		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
MAINE-STATEWIDE (000)	630.7	636.8	643.5	596.3	602.1	599.3	34.4	34.7	44.2	5.5	5.4	6.9
MAJOR LABOR MARKETS												
Bangor MSA	48,500	49,800	47,900	46,200	47,700	45,200	2,300	2,100	2,700	4.8	4.2	5.6
Lewiston-Auburn MSA	49,700	50,400	49,300	46,700	47,000	45,300	2,900	3,400	4,000	5.9	6.7	8.1
Portland MSA	118,200	121,400	121,600	113,300	116,900	114,900	4,900	4,600	6,800	4.1	3.8	5.6
Portsmouth-Rochester PMSA	n/a	n/a	119,900	n/a	n/a	113,700	n/a	n/a	6,300	n/a	n/a	5.2
OTHER LABOR MARKETS												
Augusta	43,240	44,360	44,460	41,170	42,260	41,460	2,070	2,110	3,000	4.8	4.7	6.7
Bath-Brunswick	34,180	33,970	34,450	33,010	32,750	32,620	1,170	1,230	1,830	3.4	3.6	5.3
Belfast	12,130	12,420	12,430	11,420	11,680	11,460	710	740	970	5.8	5.9	7.8
Biddeford	36,930	37,620	37,960	35,560	36,180	35,890	1,370	1,450	2,070	3.7	3.8	5.4
Boothbay Harbor	9,620	9,890	9,450	9,380	9,690	9,120	240	210	340	2.5	2.1	3.6
Bucksport	5,400	4,980	5,580	5,110	4,750	5,250	280	230	340	5.2	4.7	6.1
Calais	5,140	5,170	5,330	4,620	4,660	4,610	520	510	720	10.2	9.8	13.4
Dexter-Pittsfield	12,670	12,550	12,770	11,490	11,240	11,530	1,180	1,300	1,250	9.3	10.4	9.8
Dover-Foxcroft	7,250	7,210	7,310	6,590	6,640	6,640	660	570	670	9.0	7.9	9.1
Ellsworth-Bar Harbor	21,680	20,680	21,680	20,860	19,920	20,690	820	760	1,000	3.8	3.7	4.6
Farmington	17,120	17,580	17,930	16,060	16,070	16,520	1,060	1,510	1,400	6.2	8.6	7.8
Fort Kent	3,640	3,710	3,830	3,340	3,380	3,370	300	330	460	8.3	8.9	12.0
Greenville	1,230	1,220	1,220	1,120	1,130	1,130	110	90	90	9.0	7.3	7.3
Houlton	6,590	6,520	6,700	6,130	6,040	6,150	460	480	550	7.0	7.3	8.2
Jonesport-Milbridge	4,100	3,880	4,230	3,850	3,580	3,910	250	300	310	6.2	7.7	7.4
Kittery-York	18,960	19,230	18,700	18,510	18,820	18,150	450	410	550	2.4	2.2	3.0
Lincoln-Howland	5,720	5,820	5,710	5,280	5,390	5,230	440	440	470	7.7	7.5	8.3
Machias-Eastport	6,980	6,840	7,100	6,390	6,240	6,350	590	600	750	8.5	8.7	10.6
Madawaska	4,050	4,150	4,020	3,840	3,940	3,720	220	210	300	5.3	5.0	7.5
Millinocket-East Millinocket	5,660	5,620	5,870	5,030	5,110	5,390	630	520	490	11.1	9.2	8.3
Norway-Paris	10,080	10,210	11,140	9,280	9,300	10,180	800	910	960	7.9	8.9	8.6
Outer Bangor	7,430	7,390	7,800	6,820	6,870	7,090	610	520	720	8.2	7.1	9.2
Patten-Island Falls	2,050	2,110	2,030	1,900	1,920	1,850	150	180	190	7.5	8.7	9.2
Presque Isle-Caribou	20,060	20,350	22,190	17,780	18,240	19,640	2,280	2,110	2,550	11.4	10.3	11.5
Rockland	22,050	22,380	22,370	21,260	21,560	21,260	790	820	1,110	3.6	3.7	5.0
Rumford	10,050	10,040	10,220	9,210	9,200	9,330	840	840	900	8.3	8.4	8.8
Sanford	21,450	21,060	21,460	20,250	19,790	19,690	1,200	1,280	1,770	5.6	6.1	8.3
Sebago Lakes Region	13,260	12,630	13,950	12,570	11,860	13,130	690	770	820	5.2	6.1	5.9
Skowhegan	15,890	15,300	16,230	14,590	13,990	14,660	1,300	1,310	1,570	8.2	8.5	9.7
Stonington	5,400	5,590	5,390	5,270	5,430	5,170	130	160	220	2.4	2.9	4.0
Van Buren	1,570	1,570	1,640	1,400	1,440	1,410	170	130	220	11.0	8.5	13.5
Waterville	22,780	23,190	23,510	21,010	21,480	21,370	1,760	1,710	2,130	7.7	7.4	9.1
NEW ENGLAND STATES (000)												
Connecticut	n/a	n/a	1,827.9	n/a	n/a	1,713.5	n/a	n/a	114.4	n/a	n/a	6.3
Massachusetts	3,212.0	3,255.0	3,207.0	3,030.9	3,058.0	2,997.0	181.1	197.0	210.0	5.6	6.0	6.6
New Hampshire	n/a	n/a	630.1	n/a	n/a	591.7	n/a	n/a	38.3	n/a	n/a	6.1
Rhode Island	n/a	n/a	514.8	n/a	n/a	479.5	n/a	n/a	35.3	n/a	n/a	6.9
Vermont	312.1	310.8	317.0	300.1	299.7	302.8	12.0	11.1	14.2	3.8	3.6	4.5
UNITED STATES (000)	132,361	132,783	129,472	124,493	124,503	121,002	7,868	8,281	8,470	5.9	6.2	6.5

Footnotes

1/ Labor force, employment, and unemployment data for all areas are by place of residence and are not seasonally adjusted. Estimates made independently for each labor market area have been benchmarked to and extrapolated from the Current Population Survey estimates for the state. All data exclude members of the Armed Forces. Data are rounded for publishing purposes. Employment and unemployment may not add to labor force due to rounding. MSA - Metropolitan Statistical Area. n/a indicates that the information was not available at the time of printing.

2/ Current estimates preliminary. Last month and year ago estimates revised.

3/ Kittery-York is the five-town Maine portion of the Portsmouth-Rochester PMSA which includes towns in both Maine and New Hampshire.

Source: These data are developed by the Maine Division of Economic Analysis and Research in cooperation with the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Mid-Month Insured Unemployment

ITEM	STATEWIDE			PORTLAND MSA			LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Number of continued-week claimants*	9,411	12,429	8,545	1,559	1,798	1,524	807	1,374	806

* Continued-week claimants are less partials for week including the 12th of the month.

Civilian Labor Force and Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment in Maine

Seasonally Adjusted in Thousands

ITEM	1993					1994						
	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug
Civilian Labor Force 1/	629.4	627.8	627.6	626.5	624.4	628.0	632.5	625.1	619.6	611.9	611.8	619.3	617.1
Resident Employment	577.1	575.2	575.9	575.1	574.7	568.6	585.5	582.3	579.8	576.6	573.5	575.	574.5
Unemployment	52.3	52.6	51.6	51.4	49.7	59.4	43.0	42.9	39.8	35.2	38.4	44.2	42.7
Percent of Labor Force	8.3	8.4	8.2	8.2	8.0	9.5	7.4	6.9	6.4	5.8	6.3	7.1	6.9
Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment 2/	520.3	519.8	521.9	522.2	521.6	517.7	520.9	521.0	524.0	527.6	527.2	530.2	531.3
Construction	20.5	20.4	21.1	21.4	21.7	21.5	21.5	21.5	21.5	22.1	21.5	21.6	22.0
Manufacturing, Durable Goods	40.2	40.3	40.5	40.8	40.8	40.6	41.5	41.6	41.5	41.5	41.3	41.8	41.4
Manufacturing, Nondurable Goods	50.9	50.6	51.1	51.0	51.0	50.6	50.9	51.2	51.0	51.3	51.4	50.6	50.1
Transportation and Public Utilities	22.1	22.1	21.6	21.8	21.9	21.4	21.5	21.3	20.9	21.0	21.5	21.7	21.4
Wholesale Trade	23.2	23.3	23.4	23.4	23.3	23.5	23.4	23.3	23.3	23.2	23.1	23.2	23.4
Retail Trade	107.3	108.0	107.9	107.5	106.8	106.2	106.2	105.7	108.8	110.1	111.2	112.4	113.1
Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate	25.9	25.8	25.9	26.1	26.0	25.9	25.9	26.1	26.1	25.9	25.8	25.8	25.8
Services	134.1	135.2	136.3	136.5	136.7	135.8	136.4	137.0	137.6	138.7	138.4	138.2	139.3
Government	95.9	93.9	94.0	93.6	93.3	92.1	93.4	93.3	93.2	93.8	92.9	94.8	94.7

1/ Place of residence. 2/ Place of work.

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